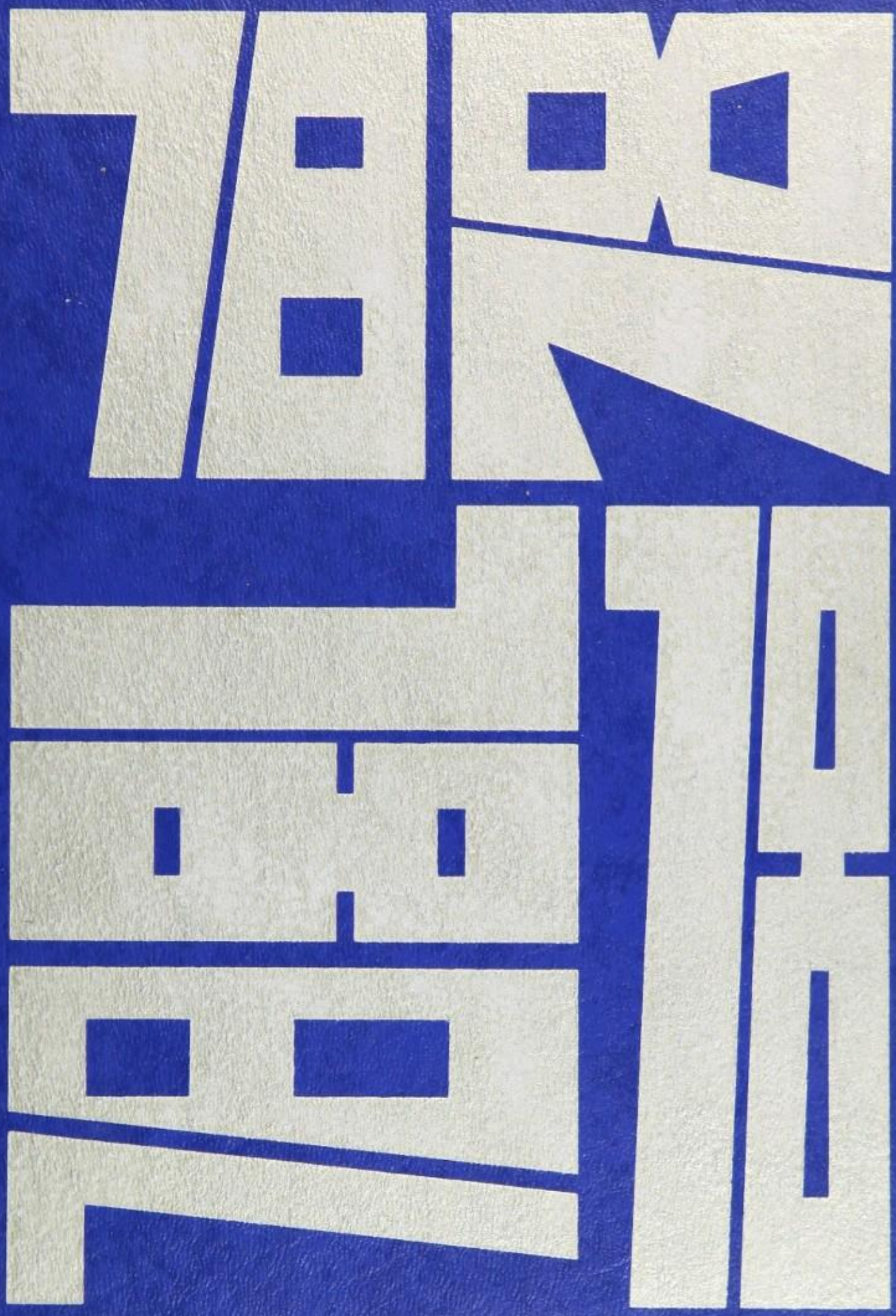

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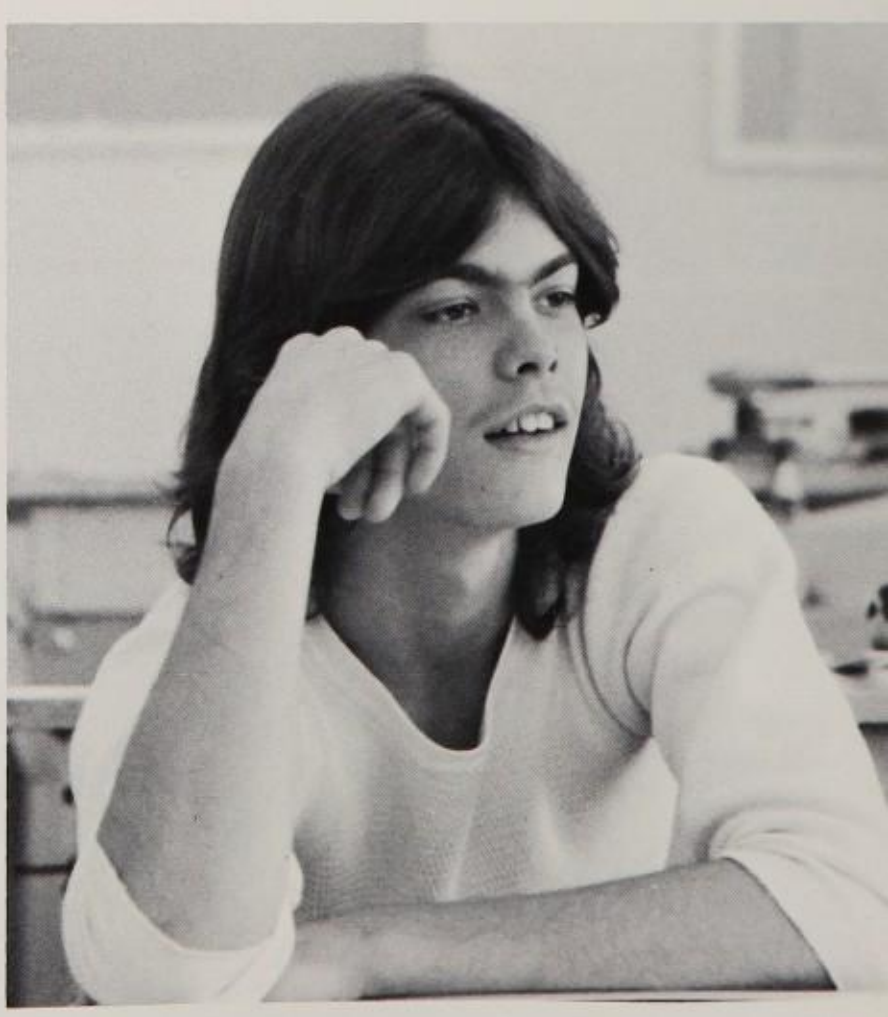
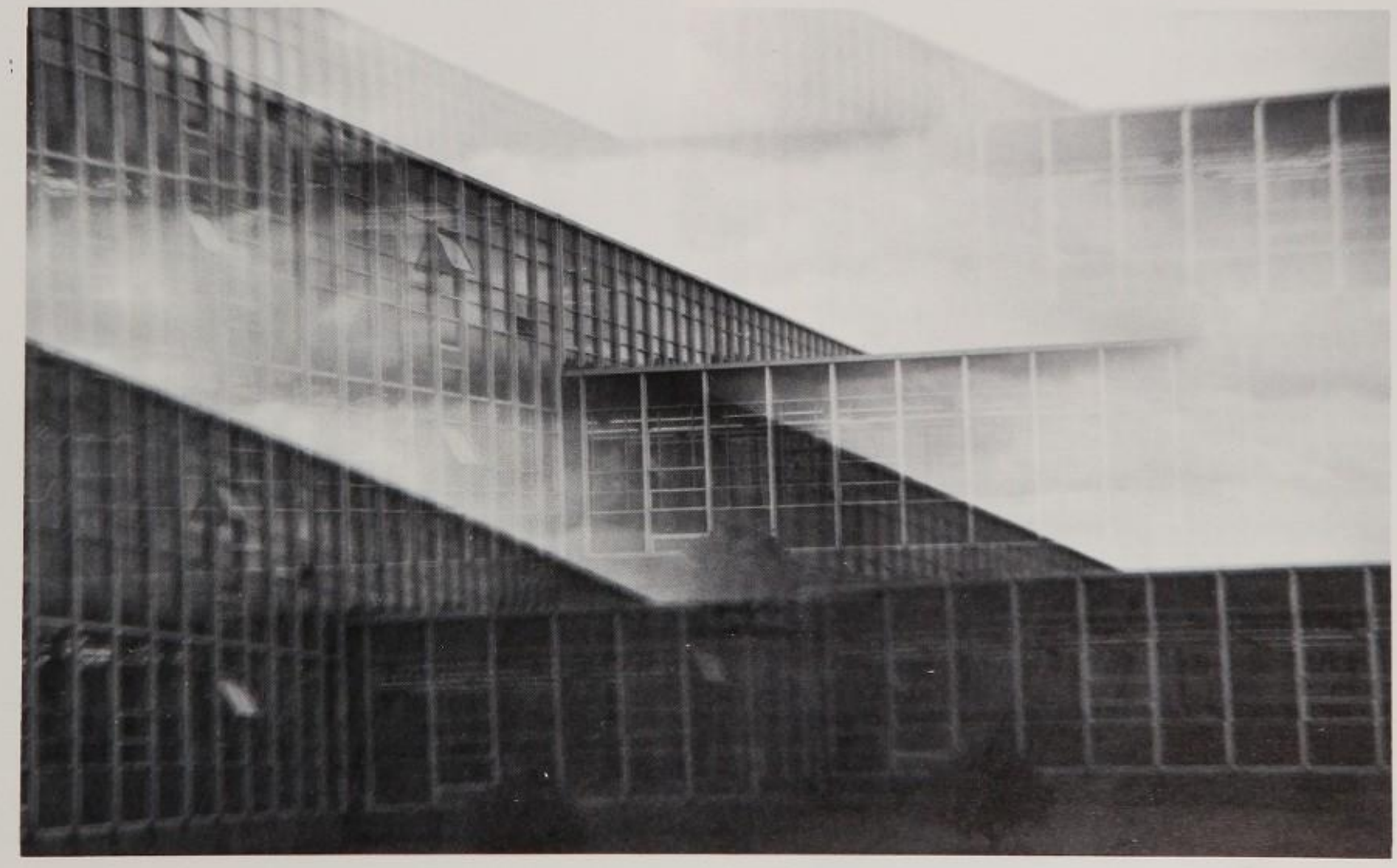
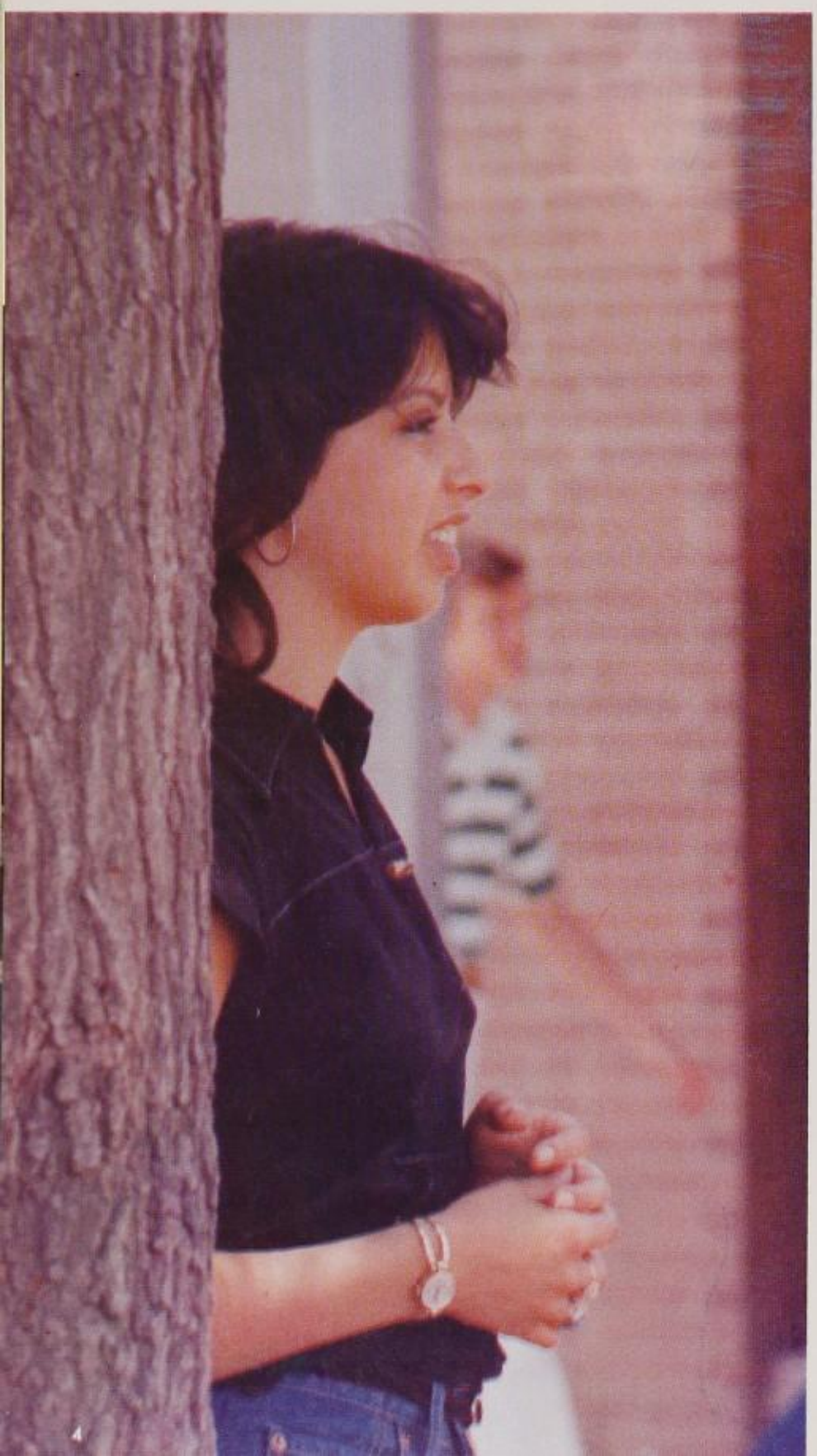






Top: Rich Hanson puts the finishing touches on his complicated drafting plan. *Left:* During her last days as a junior, Linda Kokich daydreams about her upcoming senior year.

Expressing Our Individual Identities

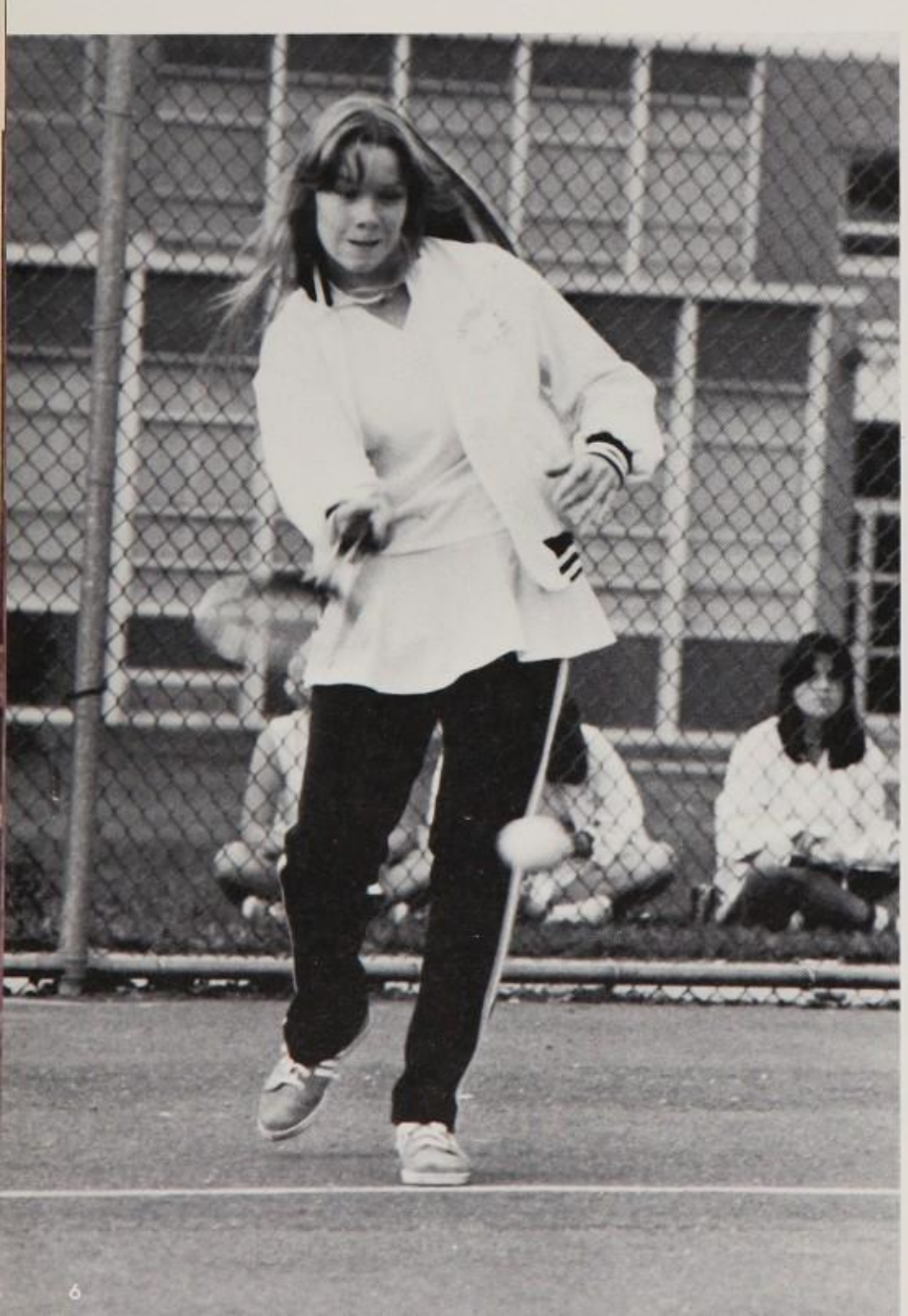
The variety of opportunities that exist at Sayreville War Memorial High School encourages each of us to express our needs, hopes and desires.

Our individual identities are reinforced by the personal way we choose to express ourselves, whether it be through academic, athletic, extra curricular or social involvement. When such involvement is used to the fullest, we can see the many diverse characteristics that make each of us different.

Top: These seniors perform the techniques needed to successfully operate the computer math machine. *Above:* As a junior, Patti Lalor enjoys her lunch break during a full day.

Towards the end of her Junior year, Shelley Bunyon begins to search through college pamphlets.

Time and Devotion — Keys to Success



Above Left: While the regular pitcher takes a break, Debbie Spitzer fills in. *Left:* After returning her opponent's shot, Debbie Mannell hopes for another winner. *Top:* The members of the football team listen carefully while discussing their next strategy during a cold, tiring game. *Above:* Dazzling the fans, Lou Acero displays the agility of an experienced soccer player.

The athletics program at Sayreville High School enables one to channel creative energy into competitive effort.

The willingness to devote oneself to the many hours of practice demonstrates a strong belief in one's teammates and coaches, as well as a love for the sport.

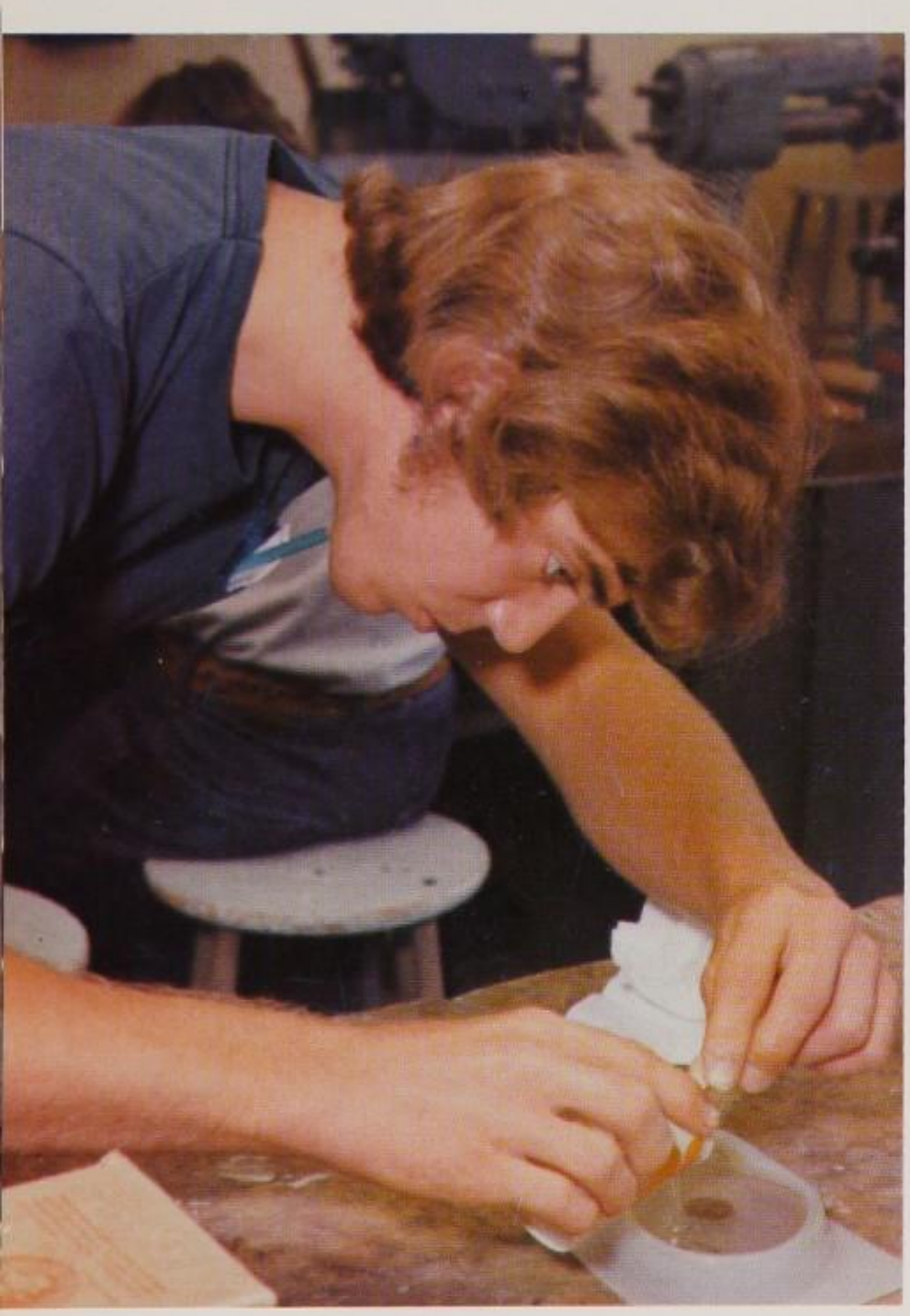
At times the whole body becomes expressive, often displaying tenseness and apprehension, or confidence and command. The face of the athlete comes alive with a multitude of expressions — joy and triumph, discouragement and hope. Grace, strength, agility, and assurance shine through as the end results of the long, hard hours of practice.

Constantly alert, Barb Galaro, Varsity goalie, goes for another save.

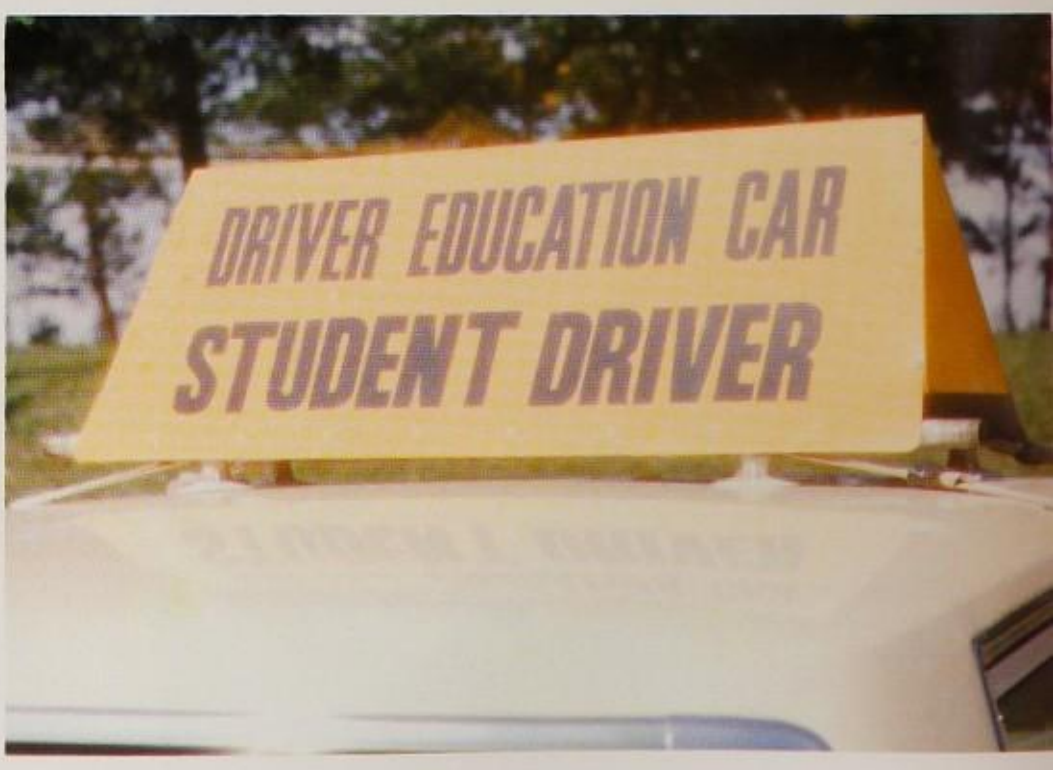
Establishing Our Goals

Music, art, wood shop, creative expression . . . All of these areas of study are open to the Sayreville student. While each of us must take certain required courses, the high school curriculum provides areas of expression for everyone.

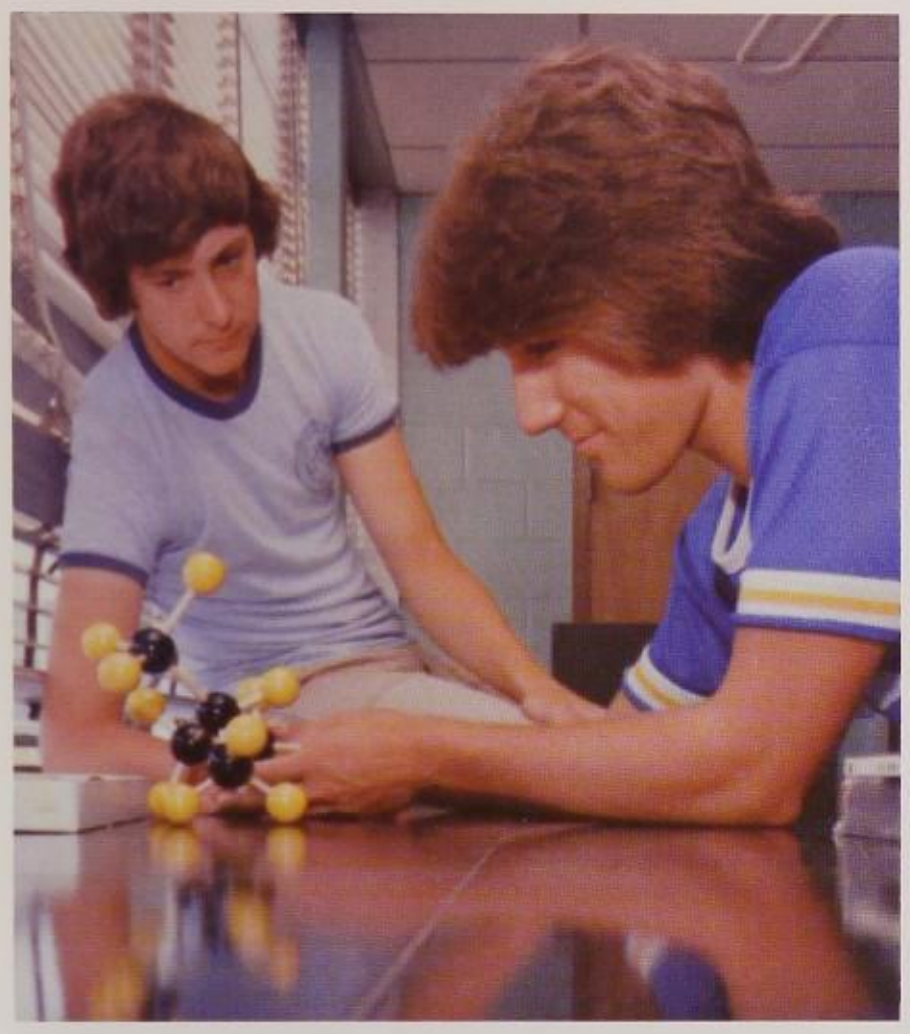
The teachers and courses here at Sayreville High School give us all a chance to explore our interests and to establish the goals we want to reach in the future.

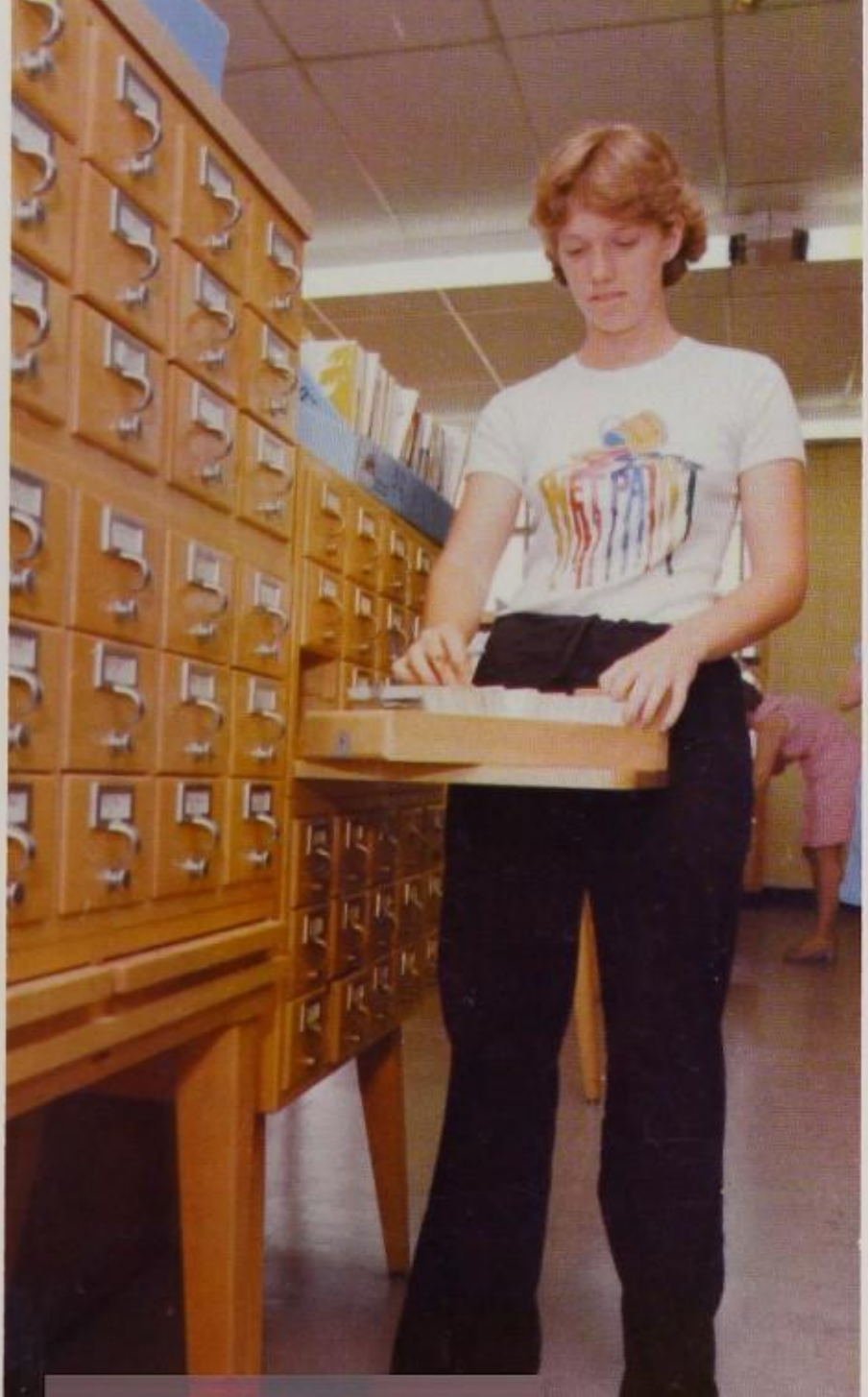


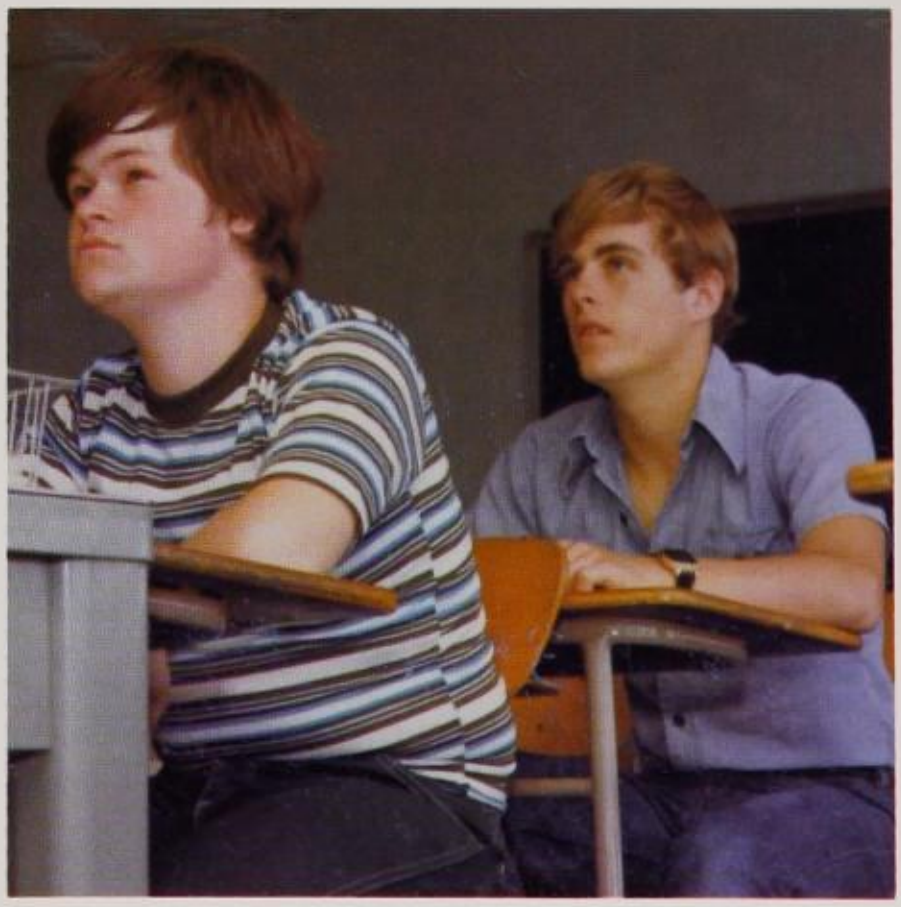
Above: In plastics shop, Pat Trpisovsky successfully mounts his coin.



Above: With a little help from Mr. Piotrowski, Paula Buczynski discovers how to use the computer cards.







Above Left: Through building this model of a molecule, seniors Marty Conroy and Keith Gilde learn the basic principles of physics. *Left:* By searching through the card catalog, Lynn Lucas hopes to find the right books for the essential information. *Top:* With a pencil and ruler, Brett Hope works toward completion of new housing plans. *Above:* During an interesting Probabilities class, Ken Tynan and John Pitti listen intensely.

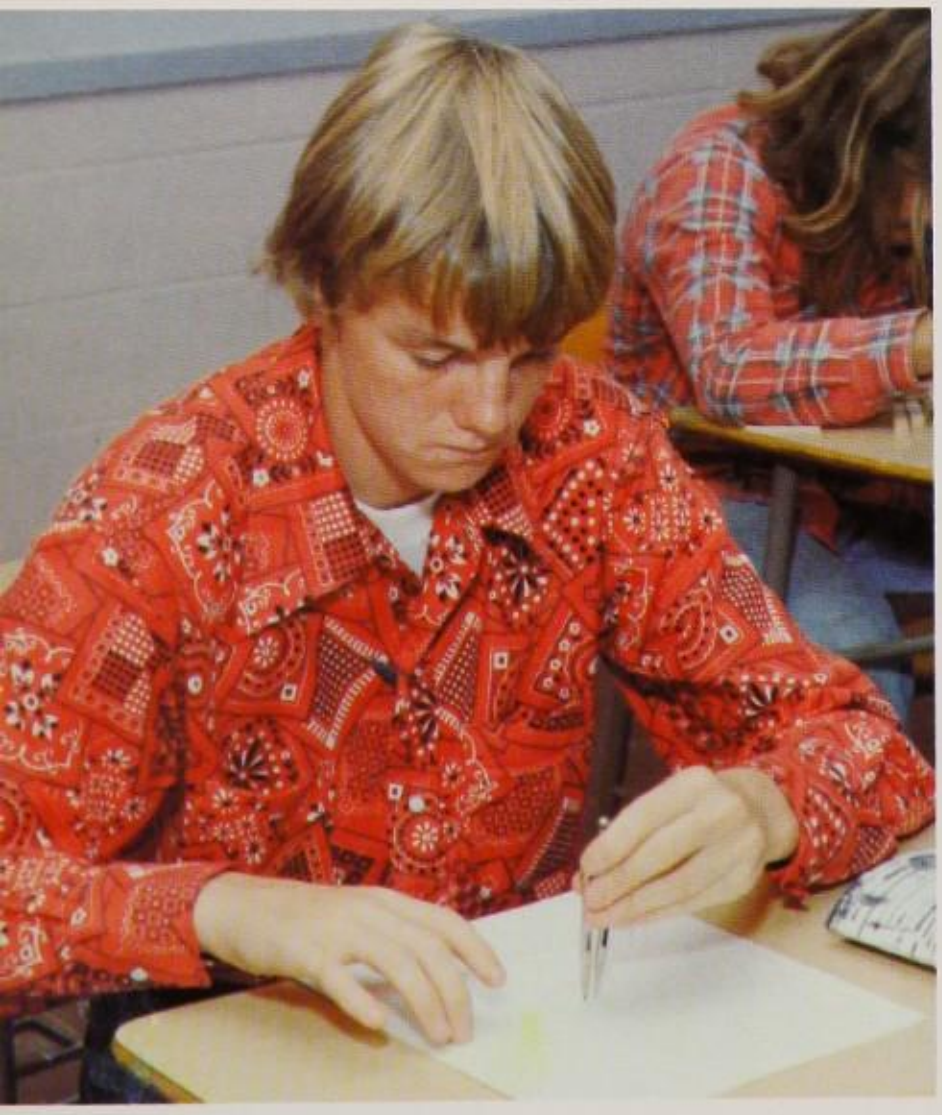
The program of extra curricular activities offered at Sayreville High School is the area in which all of us can freely and creatively express ourselves.

Whether these expressions are musical, literary, scientific or business oriented makes no difference. Through involvement and communication, we are all able to better ourselves, expand our creativity and become more aware of who we are.

Above Left: The SWMHS Marching Band displays its school spirit at the season opener. *Top:* Taking pride in her work, Jeanne Cassidy edits poetry for Images. *Above:* While enjoying the 50's assembly, Terry Huegel and Lynn Dehnz jitterbug to the music of Dottie's People.

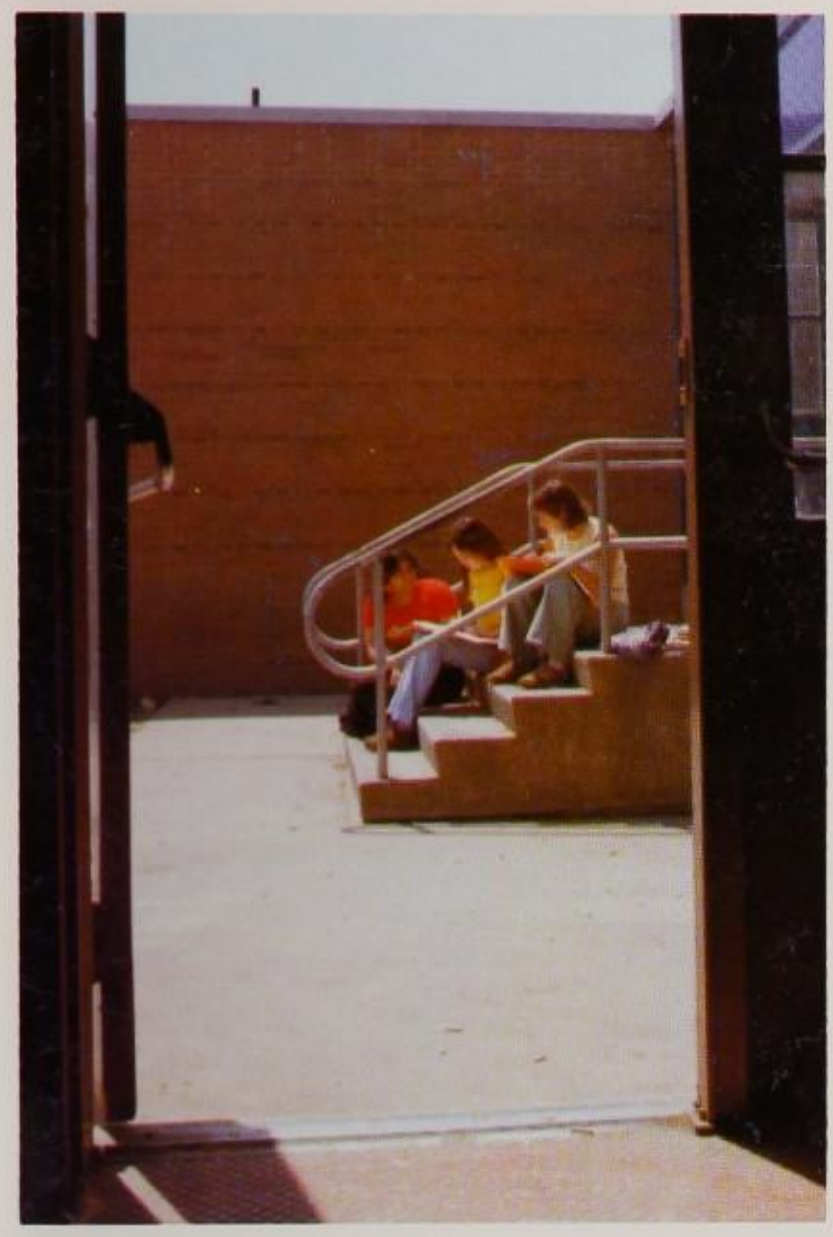
Freedom of Expression

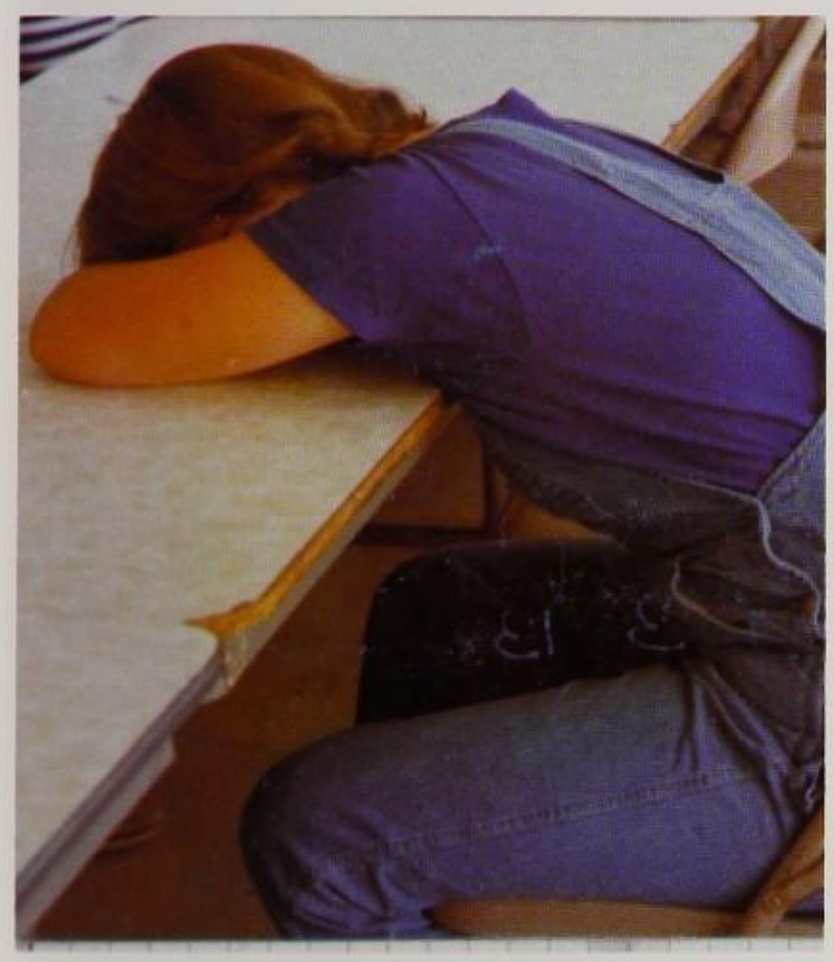
Top: The cheerleaders try to put some spirit into the crowd after a disappointing quarter. *Right:* During a free moment, Mary Jo Baumann enjoys a lollipop — one of the many Student Council fund-raisers.



Top Left: Using his knowledge of geometry, Art Delmotte is able to construct concentric circles. *Top:* At the end of their school day, Mary Ellen Parsler and Alyssa Iaciofoli find a quiet hideaway.

Moving Forward With Assurance





As the members of the Class of 1978 approach the outside world, we will have to find our own answers to the many new challenges and find ways to conquer the new obstacles that stand in our way.

Our three years at Sayreville War Memorial High School have enabled us to discover our inner strengths, experience a sense of wonder in the continual learning process, and above all, given us a chance to express ourselves.

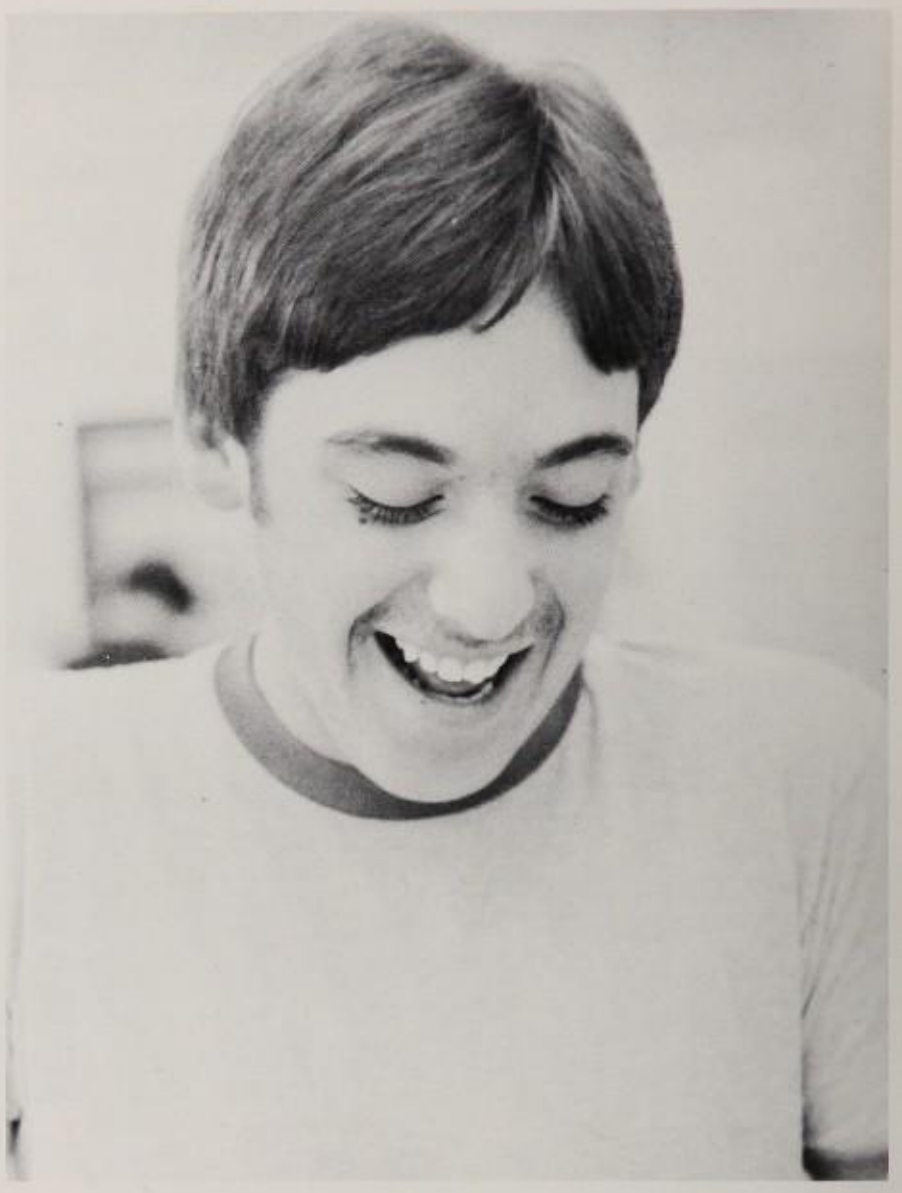
Through our classes, sports, and activities, we have been able to contribute a part of ourselves to Sayreville High School. Senior year now sees us looking forward and exploring avenues for future expressions.

Top: The warm spring air provides a comfortable setting while these seniors complete their work. *Above:* During lunch, Ron Fox takes advantage of his only break as a junior. *Right:* Taking a moment out of her hectic schedule, Carole Sisolak browses through one of the many books in the schooi library.

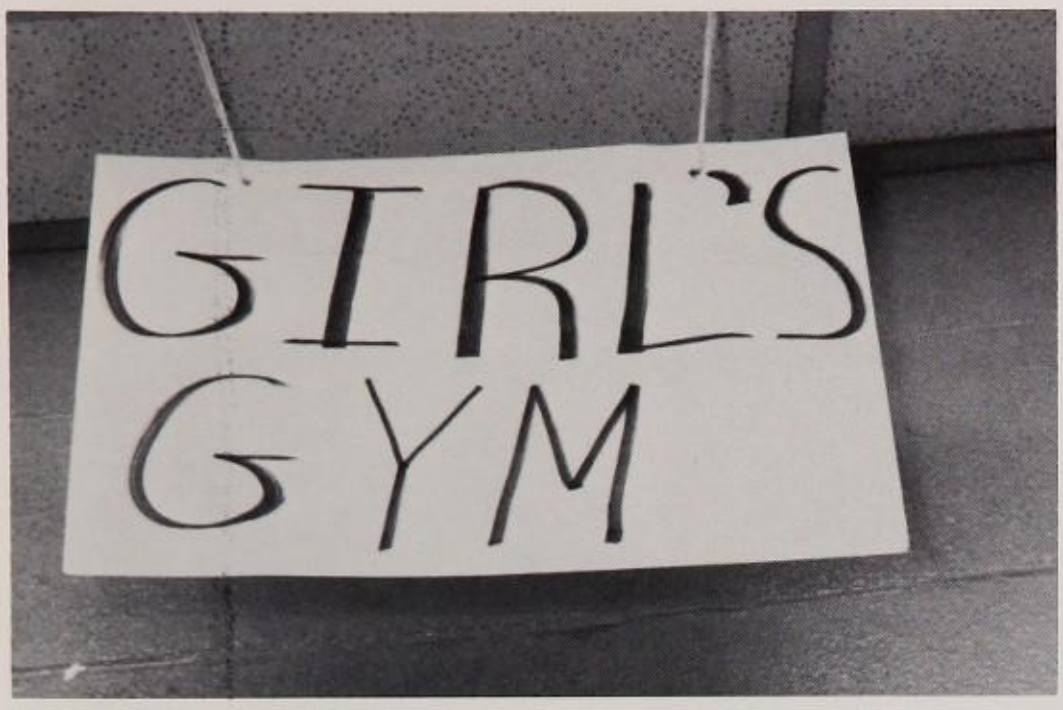
A Time for Discovery

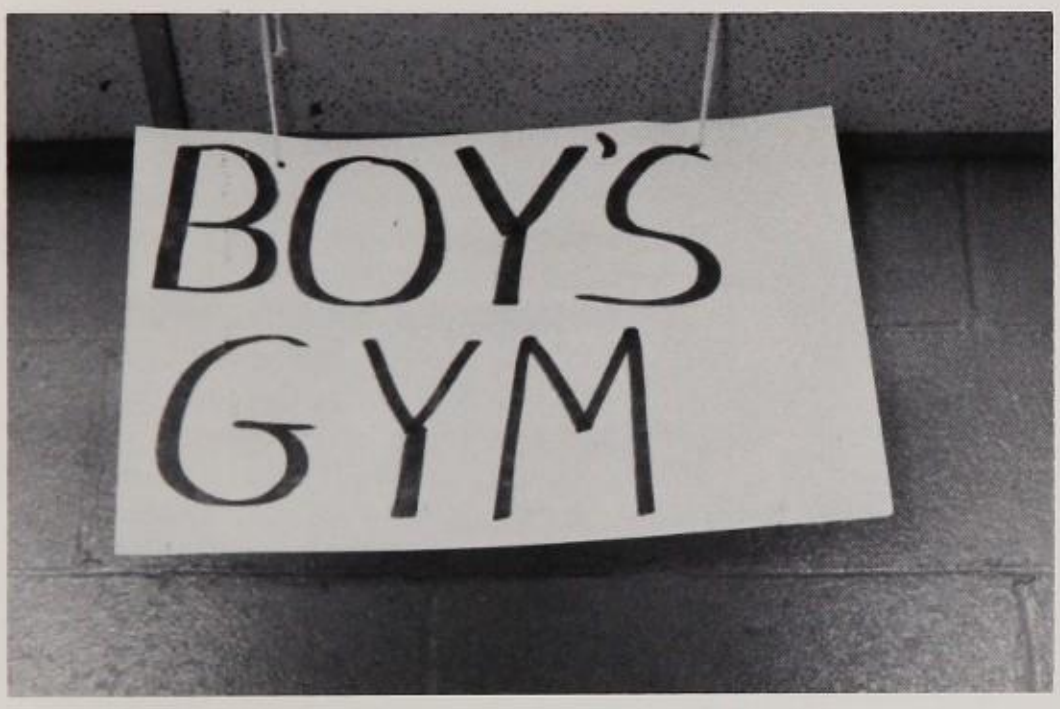
As sophomores entering the Senior High School, we are searching for new outlets through which we can express ourselves. Having outgrown our roles as ninth graders, we are open to the new challenges and opportunities that the Senior High has to offer. Sophomore year begins a process through which we establish ourselves as individuals.

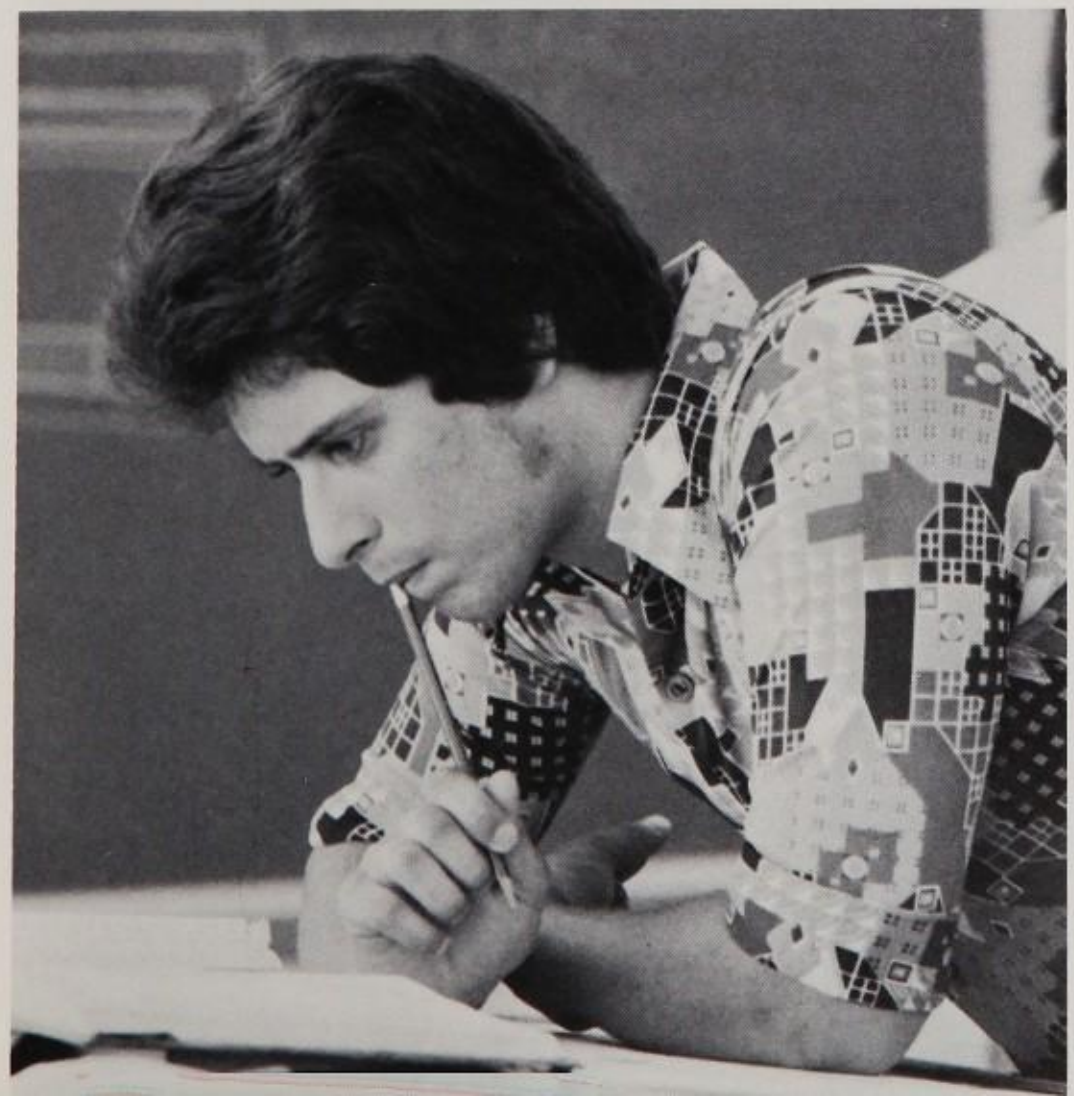
Throughout our Junior year, this process continues. Having acquired a sense of belonging, we are able to establish ties with the people and activities that interest us. Involvement in the school activities enables us to express ourselves and develop our talents. The coming together of these differing aspects of our personalities will bring about a self-realization.



Left: Jackie Pagliuco expresses her feelings about the first day of school. *Top:* Despite everything that might go wrong during the course of the day, Rudy Rella finds something to laugh about. *Above:* During study hall, Maria Vaccaro reacts with surprise to the first air raid drill.







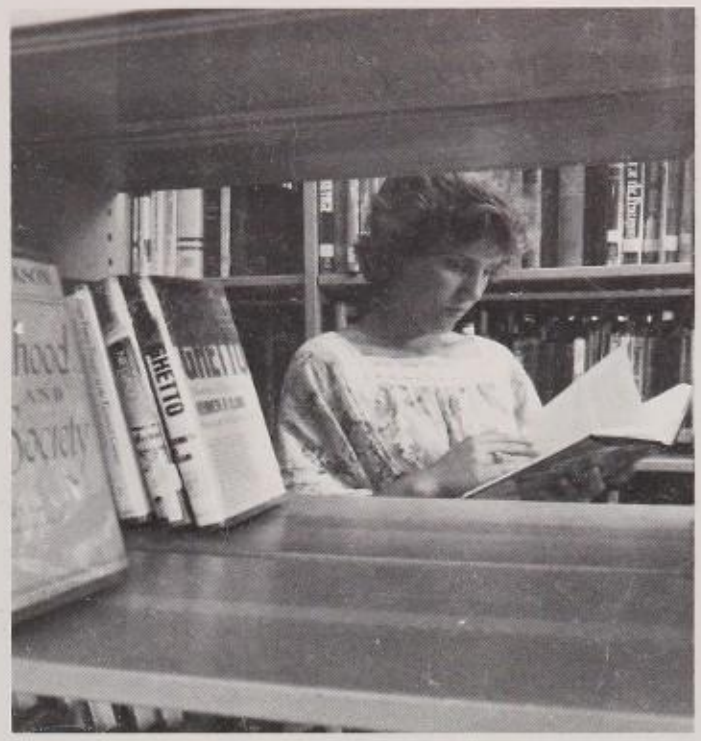
Below Left: Seemingly perplexed, Rick Simonelli deliberates over a difficult assignment. *Above:* Conversing during her lunch break, Laurie Schaefer shares her smile with friends.

With the wide range of patterns of study, the curriculum at Sayreville High School aims to suit individual needs and interests. Within the confines of a particular course exist a variety of ways in which both teacher and student can tap creative inner resources and generate enthusiastic response.

With guidance from interested faculty, students begin to define their academic interests. This interest surfaces in the classroom through active participation and effort.

The exchange of knowledge is not an end in itself. With insight, the gifted teacher sparks enthusiasm and teaches appreciation by giving the course relevance to today's world.

Learning is an interactive process through which both teacher and student contribute not only knowledge, but atmosphere, and occasionally lasting values as well.



Curriculum

Education Under Fire

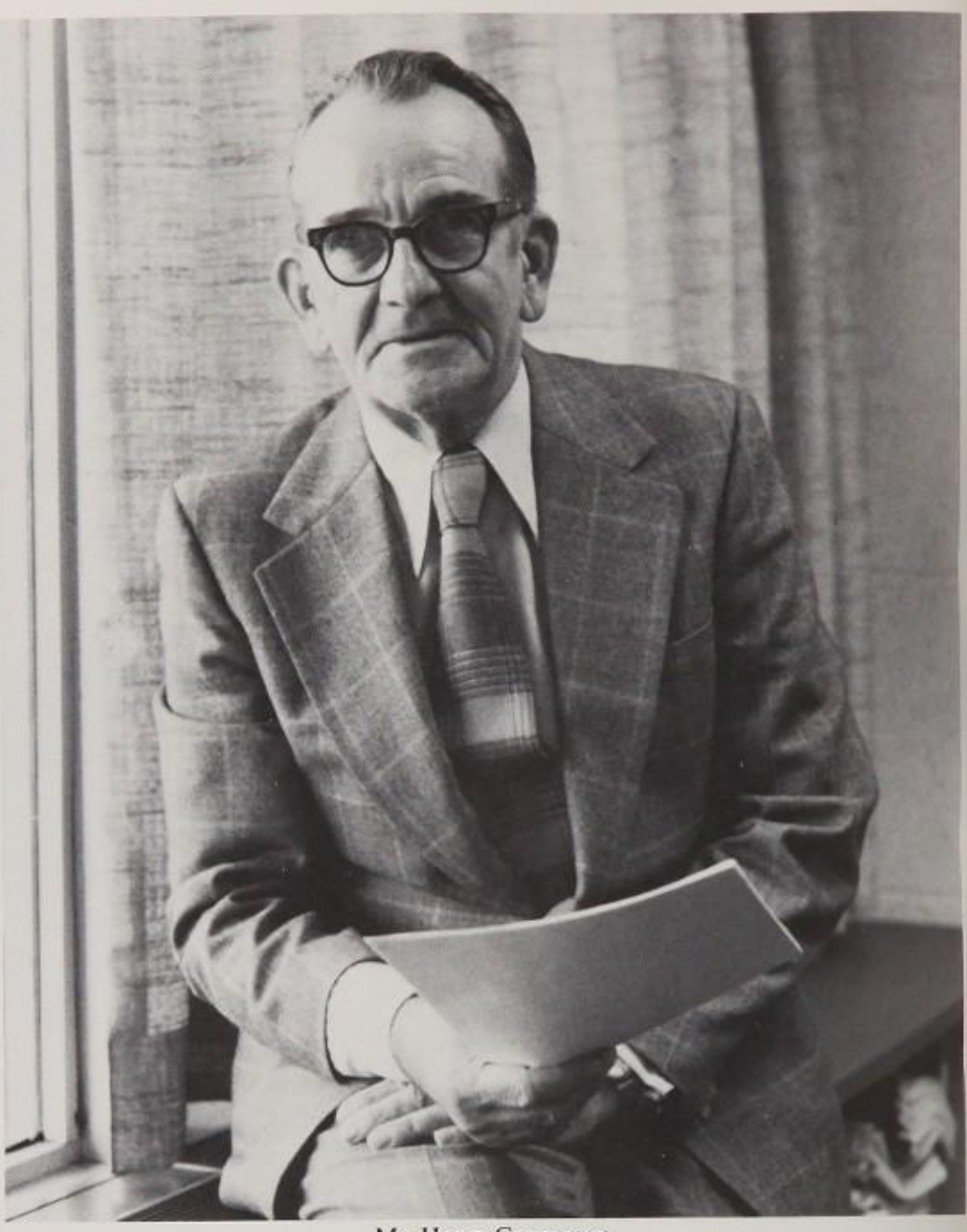
Unlike the old saying, 1977-78 was not a vintage year for education. Complaints in the media of a faltering public educational system rose to a peak. Newsweek and Time were among the magazines which published report after report of states that had instituted proficiency testing and continually featured columns written by concerned educators.

Due to a number of factors including location and what Mr. Counsman feels is a "strong faculty and an extremely cooperative Board of Education," Sayreville was immune to the brunt of the nation's problems. However, Sayreville administrators, along with other educators across the country were faced with "apathetic student attitudes towards attendance and academic work."

New Jersey's answer to the ailing educational system was the T&E program, which was mandated in 1976. After the completion of its first phase, has it significantly changed Sayreville secondary education?

Dr. Parnell, who serves as the coordinator on the T&E Committee, explained that "the Sayreville High School approach to T&E has been to take the process and bring it into the school for positive outcomes. We seek to fulfill the state requirements." Although Dr. Parnell "has not found it uncomfortable" working within the guidelines of T&E, she concedes that it is "time consuming with an emphasis on the process." Dr. Parnell was frank in stating that she was more concerned with the results.

In the words of Mr. Counsman, continuing "to give students the best possible education" and as Dr. Parnell adds, "to try to interest those who don't want it," was the prime concern of the 1977-78 school year.



Mr. Henry Counsman

Top: Robert J. Fleming, Edwin S. Smith, Danny DiPoalo, Douglas A. Cowan, Gerald A Pondo. *Bottom:* Barbara A. Anderson, Adeline R. Wranovics, Thomas J. Strugala, Ge trude G. Goldkopf.

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From Colonialism to Newscasting

Aside from the usual classroom lectures, American History Through Arts and Crafts gave students the chance to relive some of the experiences of the early Americans. Students constructed chairs, weather vanes, and stools, often with the aid of early-American style tools. They experimented with quill pens and found writing with them more difficult than they had expected. Although this course no longer fulfilled the junior history requirement, students still enjoyed the personal contact with history that the course offered.

While those in the Arts and Crafts course experienced early American History, students in Mr. Boardman's Critical Issues class experienced the problems of modern newscasting. The class was divided into two teams, both responsible for presenting a newscast centered on a certain topic. The news teams not only learned about the material they researched, they also gained experience in interviewing, copy writing, and reporting.

These, along with the many other History electives were designed to meet a wide range of student interests, from art to debating, while still teaching the basic ideals of past, as well as modern history.

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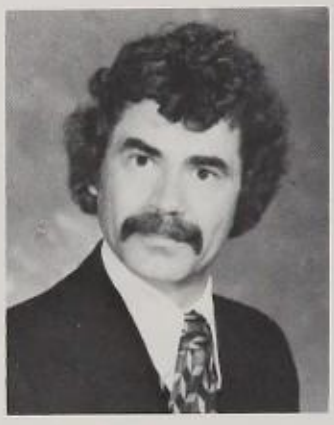

Mr. William Doll

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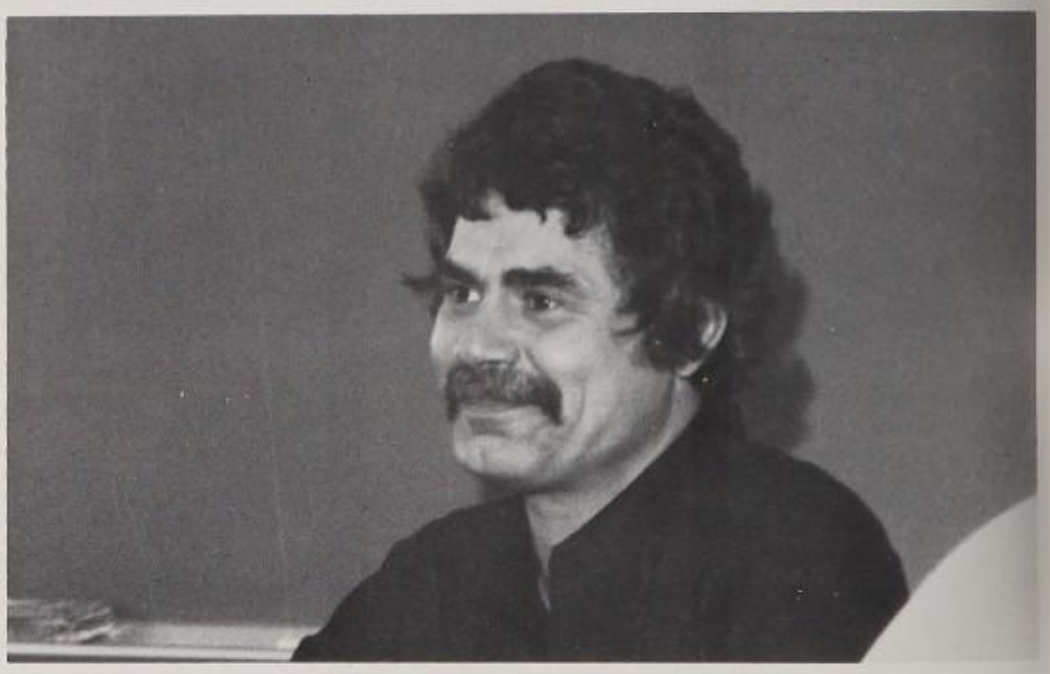

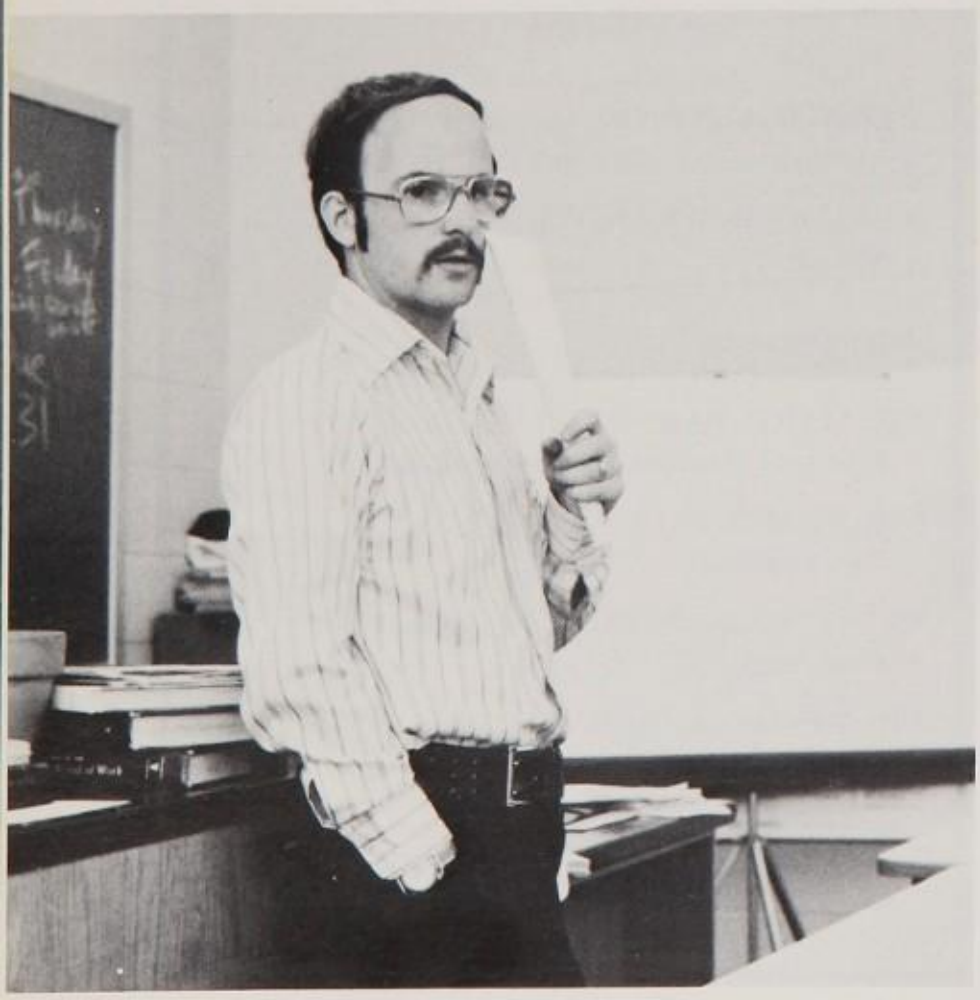

Above: After posing a difficult question, Mr. Boardman waits for his class' response. *Above Right:* Amused by the comments of his students, Mr. Doll considers a retort. *Right:* During his History class, Rickie Jones jots down an important point.

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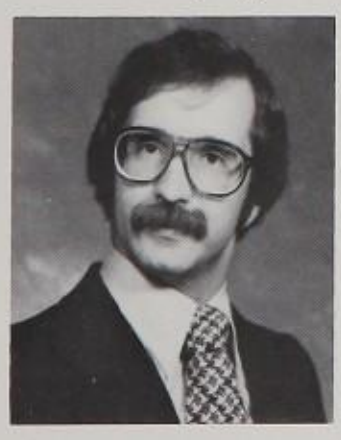

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Top Left: Thoroughly absorbed in a Critical Issues lecture, John Everitt pauses to consider one of Mr. Szabo's comments. *Above Left:* While teaching his conflicts class, Mr. Gozora successfully gets his point across.

Battle of Hastings Invades High School

It was not an ordinary lecture on British Literature. Flutes played a medieval tune while peasants, feasting on short bread and ale toasted the success of William the Conqueror.

Appropriately enough, the props were shortbread cookies, ginger ale and dixie cups, and the setting was Mrs. Coppinger's first period British Writers class. Mark Cholowski's comic portrayal of the King added a humorous touch to student reports about England in the days of King William.

The use of the creative approach has not been limited in any way by T & E even though its emphasis has been on basic skills. In this department, especially, teachers have tested a variety of ways to maintain a high level of student interest while helping students master the basics of writing and oral expression.

In September, a curriculum committee began working to develop three new full-year compensatory courses for next year. Committee members spent many hours consulting with publishers and reviewing material in order to select suitable programs of study for the new courses.

Remaining basically unaffected by T & E, the theatre program translates the themes in English class into voice inflection, facial expression and body movement. Theatre I, II and workshop classes have provided students, hampered by inexperience in drama, with the confidence to perform.

In the opinion of theatre instructor Charles Cunliffe, the majority of his students take Theatre mostly for enjoyment. But for the few who aspire to the professional stage, he feels the recent success of past Sayreville graduates Vince Otero and Greg Evigan, has been encouraging. It points out that the limitations of a small town need not hinder success.

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Mrs. Joan R. Coppinger

Mr. Charles J. T. Cunliffe

Mrs. Phyllis Galbraith

Mrs. Elyse Gelsinon

Above: King William, as portrayed by Mark Cholowski, addresses his court during the "Battle of Hastings." *Top Right:* In Theatre I, Sherry Duncan mirrors Grace Pohl's expressions and movements. *Above Right:* Helping to set the mood for the British Writers class are Marianne Fitzpatrick, Alice Coakley, and Nancy Billington.

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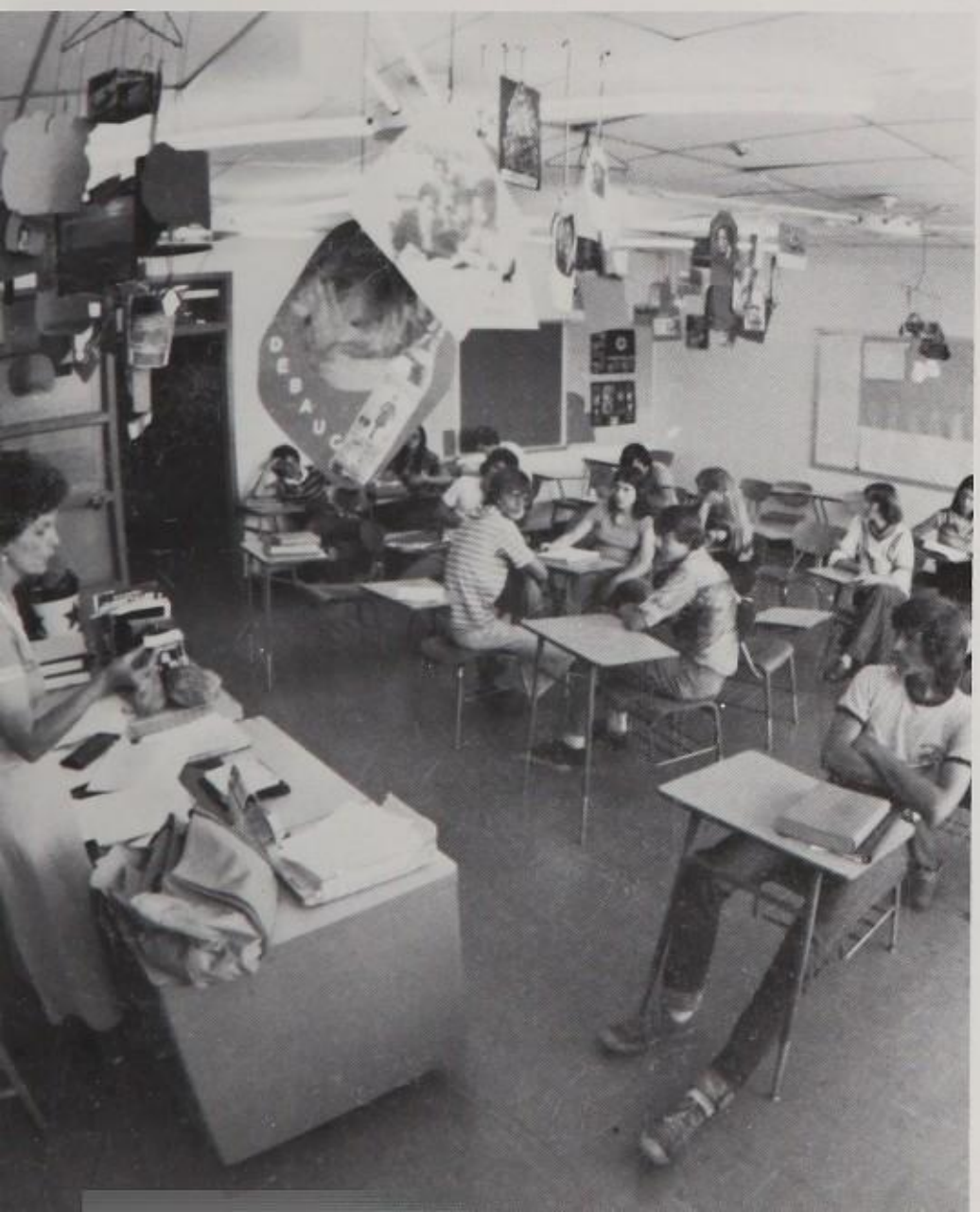

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Left: Not only do students in College Skills learn vocabulary, they also do projects, skits, and term papers.

Sine Curves Become Biorhythm Charts

Mr. James Todd

Mr. Richard L. Brown

Dr. George Evanovich

Mr. Fred Gilfillan

Miss Barbara Johnson

Miss Barbara Kolojay

Dr. George Marotta

Mr. Robert Piotrowski

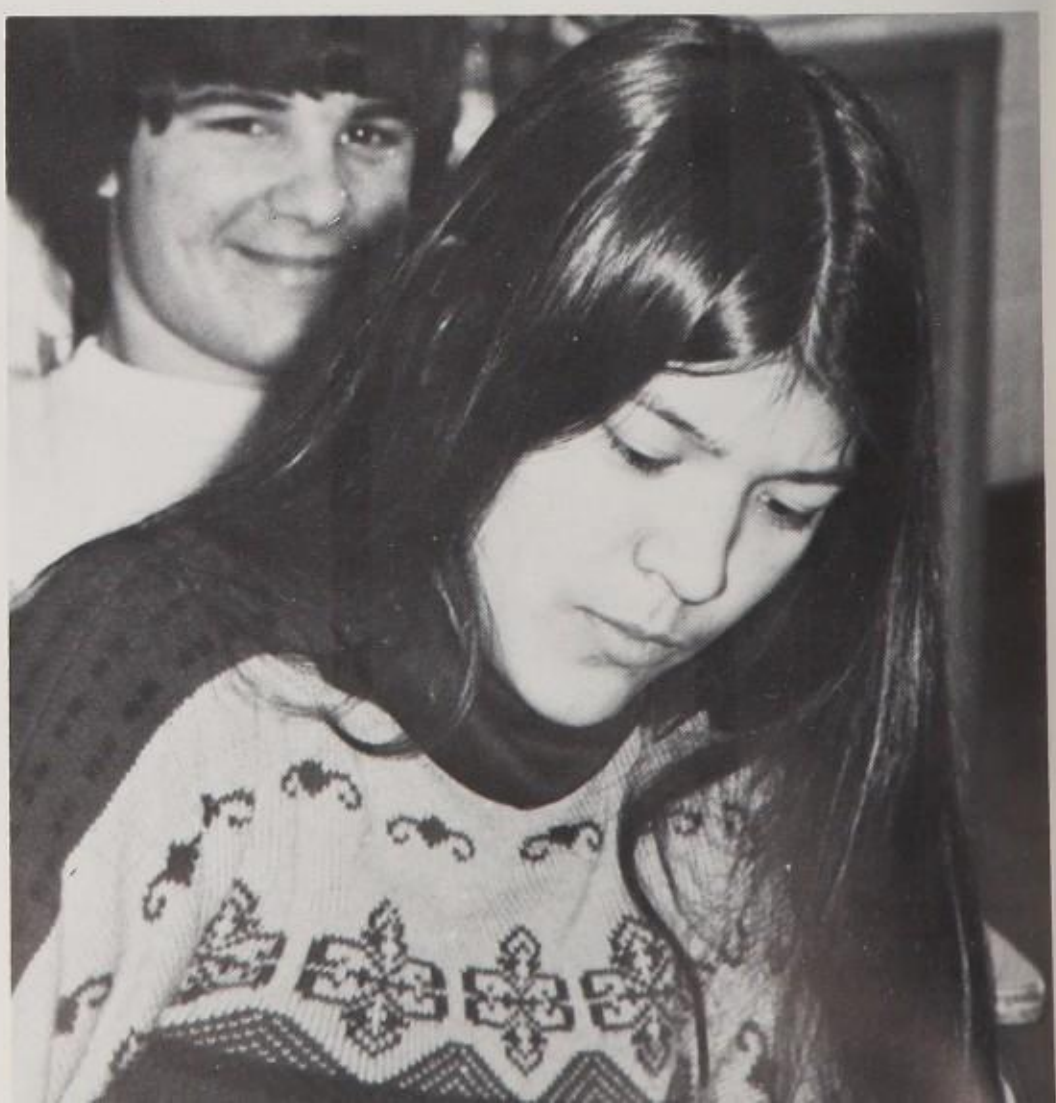
Miss Donna Weir

"Clear your desks!" Mr. Brown instructed his second period trigonometry class. Waiting for the usual groans to subside, he began to distribute graph paper.

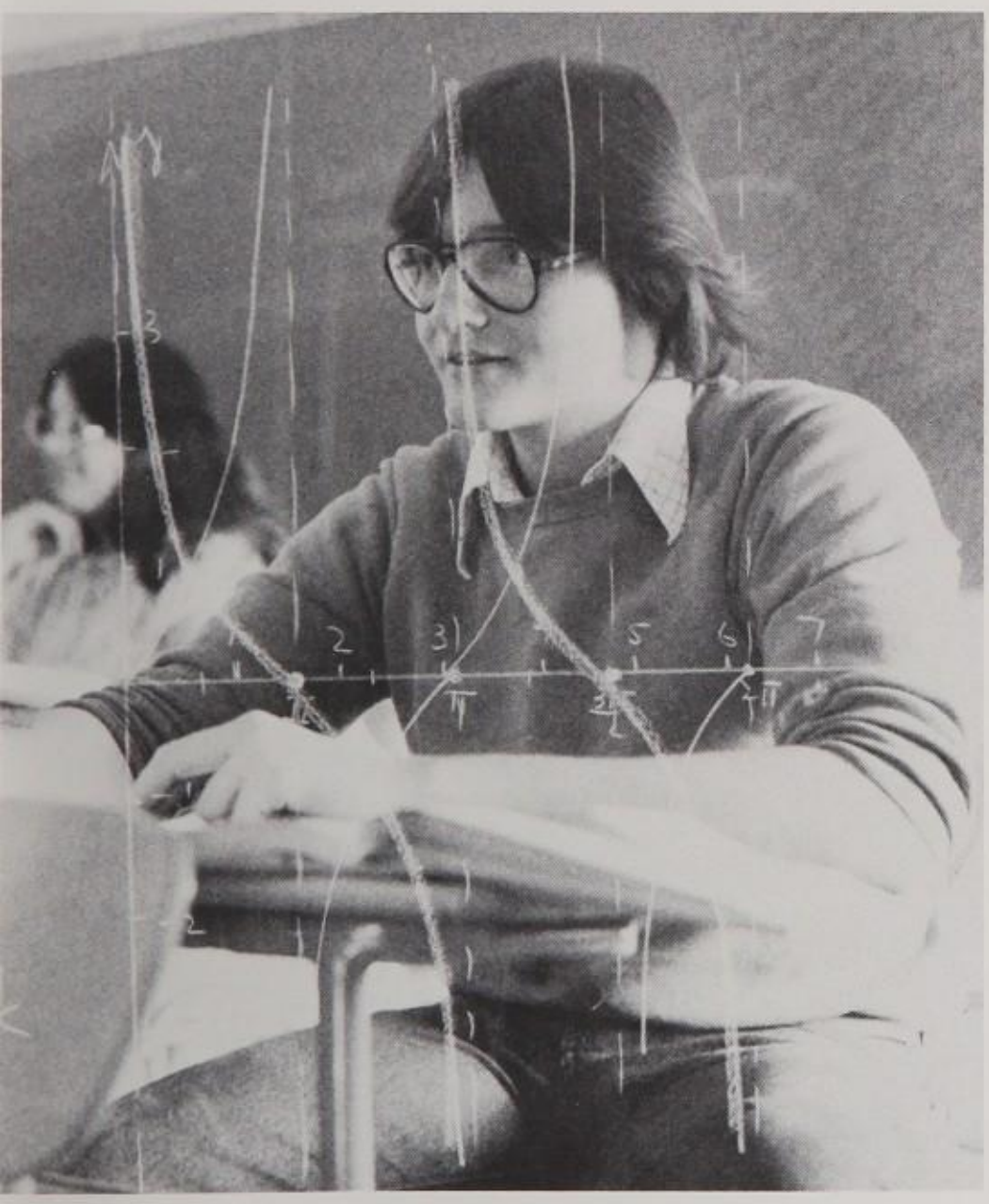
"Multiply 365 by your age," his instructions began. The final result was three graphs, representing a complete biorhythm chart. Relating the information he had learned from a magazine article, Mr. Brown told his students that the three graphs represented their intellectual, emotional, and physical cycles.

This project was only one answer to the constant student challenge, "What do I need to know this for if I'm not going to become a mathematician?"

In calculus class, students researched various mathematical topics dealing with every area from gambling to geography. Computer Math students learned the basics of working with computers. Although some of the math taught on the higher level may not have a useful application as yet, the constant advancement of technology will eventually make use of all mathematical knowledge.



Top: After school, Dennis Nowak solves his math problems with the help of Miss Kolojay. *Right:* Solving an equation requires all of Elizabeth Ashe's concentration.



Top: The print out satisfies Ron Fox in his Computer Math class. *Above:* A difficult graph intrigues Chris LaPort in his Trigonometry class.

Math Department

MR. JAMES TODD
Math Department Chairperson; Calculus, Industrial Math II; MA

MR. RICHARD L. BROWN
Algebra II, Industrial Math II; Trigonometry; BS

DR. GEORGE EVANOVICH
Analytic Geometry, Probability and Matrix Algebra, Trigonometry; D.Ed.

MR. FRED GILFILLAN
Industrial Math, Geometry, Algebra II; BS; Boys' Tennis Coach

MISS BARBARA JOHNSON
Algebra I, Analytic Geometry; BA; Pep Club Advisor

MISS BARBARA KOLOJAY
Algebra II, Topics of Math; MA; Math Club Advisor

DR. GEORGE MAROTTA
Algebra II, Analytic Geometry; D.Ed.

MR. ROBERT PIOTROWSKI
Computer Programming I, II, Industrial Math I; MA; Girls' Cross Country Coach, Boys' JV Basketball Coach

MISS DONNA WEIR
Algebra II, Analytic Geometry; MA

Beyond the Microscope

The curriculum of the Science Department includes many diverse topics, taught in an unusual way.

For students with an interest in biology, an advanced biology course is offered which enables students to obtain a solid background in biology. The course includes a seminar unit in which the students conduct class themselves and present oral reports on different aspects of the blood. A unit on plant physiology in which the students have the opportunity to work independently of each other is also included. A detailed study of genetics is another area covered by the course. In this unit, the students were amazed by the results they obtained from the breeding of fruit flies.

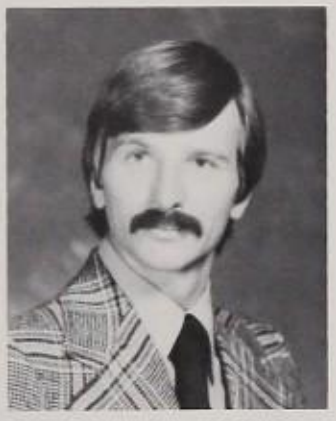
Aside from the normal classwork, students also participated in the statewide Science Day. Students from many high schools were tested in chemistry, biology or physics, and the winners in each category were eligible for monetary awards.

With concentration, Dave Pietrulewicz completes a successful chemistry experiment.

Top: This group of chemistry students gets a few hints for their lab from Mrs. Arthur. *Above:* With help from Mr. Bordak, Derryl Jarvis begins calculating his physics problems.

Mrs. Irene Arthur

Mrs. Barbara Albanir

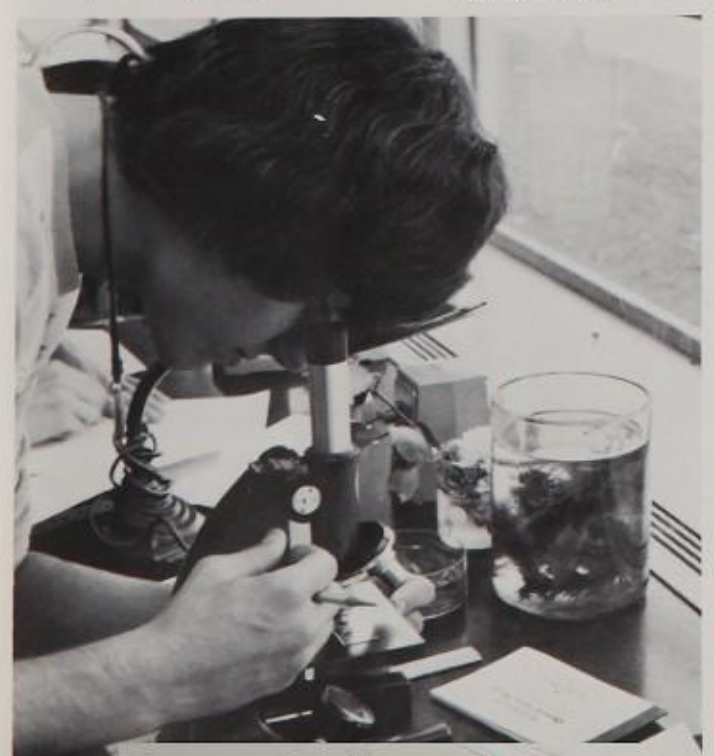


Mr. Martin Bordak

Mrs. Diane Cooke

Miss Marianne Kwiatkowski

Mrs. Anita Mackin



Mrs. Angelina Romano

Science Department

MRS. IRENE ARTHUR
Science Department Chairperson; C.P. Chemistry; MA

MRS. BARBARA ALBANIR
Biology; BA; Future Nurses of America, Sophomore Class Advisor

MR. MARTIN BORDAK
Chemistry, Physics; BA; Chemistry League Advisor, Senior Class Advisor

MRS. DIANE COOKE
Chemistry; BA

MISS MARIANNE KWIATKOWSKI
Biology; BA; Student Council Advisor

MRS. ANITA MACKIN
Earth Science, Ecology, General Biology; BA; Ecology Club Advisor

MRS. ANGELINA ROMANO
Advanced Biology, C.P. Biology, General Biology; MA; Biology Club Advisor

Top Left: While Mark Jones looks on, Brian McMillen examines the structure of a molecule model. *Left:* In his Biology lab, Dan Strika, finds the difference a microscope can make in the appearance of leaves.

International Cuisine Adds Foreign Flavor

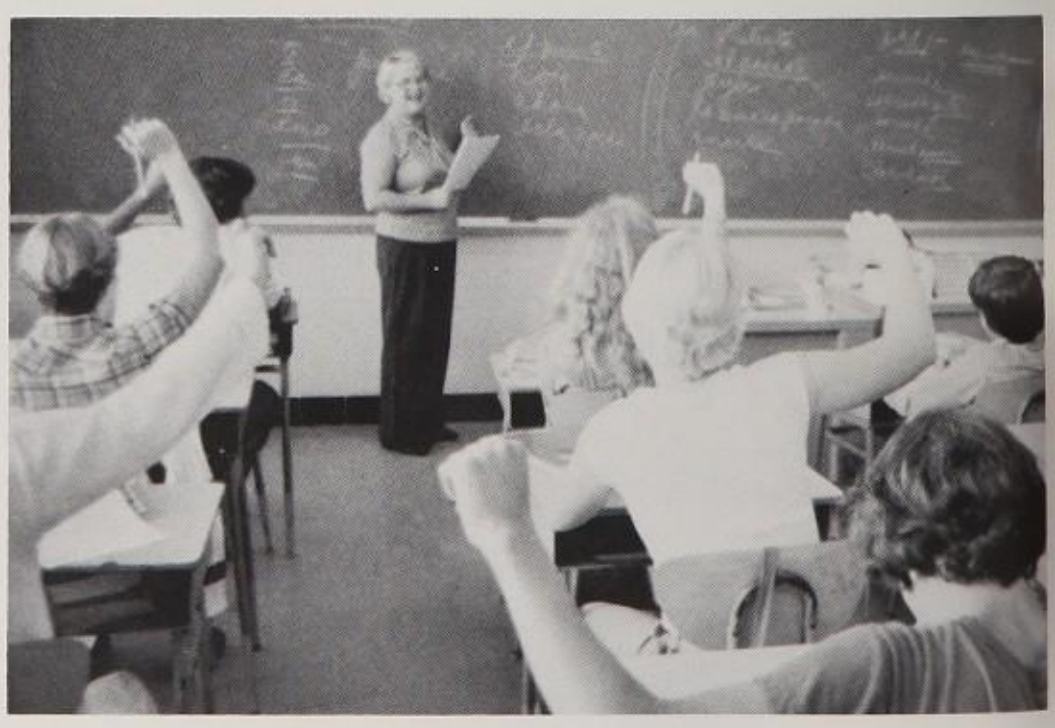
A language class is more than grammar and pronunciation! The teachers and students work together in exploring the cultures and history of Spain, France and Germany. Although French I and German I were discontinued this year, there was still a strong interest shown by many students at the higher levels.

Speaking and writing skills were employed in the writing and performing of plays in the third-year language classes. Fourth-year students read and discussed famous works of foreign literature. In Spanish V, the students increased their knowledge of the language by composing poems and fables and submitting them to Spanish magazines, hoping to see their compositions in print.

There was an emphasis on foreign cuisine this year. Spanish IV held a breakfast, and Spanish V enjoyed a luncheon. Mrs. Parks' French classes also did some cooking, using the French cookbooks compiled by the students last year. Some foods that were sampled were onion soup and Chocolate Mousse. Because cheese is an important part of the French diet, a "cheese-tasting party" was conducted in French II.

French classes were able to view movies and cartoons. French IV listened to an opera. Songs were played, and students were invited to listen or sing along.

Achievements in Foreign Languages yield rewards to students. The Spanish National Honor Society has been established, and chooses as its members, deserving students of Spanish III, IV, or V. Plans are now being made to institute a German and French National Honor Society.



Top: At a language festival, Anita Shorosky finds sampling foreign foods an agreeable part of learning about other cultures. *Above:* Mrs. Ludlow smiles at the enthusiastic response of her class. *Left:* During a discussion in their Spanish class, these underclassmen find time to share a few laughs.

Mrs. Vija Hazners

Miss Rita Kopec

Miss Christine A. Kwiatkowski

Ms. Catherine E. Ludlow

Mrs. Dorothy Parks

Foreign Language Department

MRS. VIJA HAZNERS
German II, III, English 203; BA; German Club Advisor

MS. CATHERINE E. LUDLOW
Spanish I, II; MA; Spanish Club Advisor

MISS RITA KOPEC
Spanish II, III; BA

MISS CHRISTINE A. KWIATKOWSKI
Spanish II, III, IV, V; BA; Spanish Club Advisor, Spanish National Honor Society Advisor

MRS. DOROTHY PARKS
French II, III, IV; MA; French Club Advisor

Top Left: While reading a famous French work, Phyllis D'Addio dwells on the novel's theme. *Above Left:* In French III, Mrs. Parks takes time for some informal discussion.

From Expansion to Exploration

Last December, construction began on the new art wing scheduled for completion during the 1978-79 school year. This wing, which will be joined at the auditorium foyer doors runs parallel to the B-wing, and will provide a new entrance to the C-wing through one of the drafting rooms.

The curriculum of the Art Department will be revamped to take advantage of the flexibility in the added space. The large art complex will provide more work areas, more room for storage and an outdoor courtyard. Two more periods of art can be taught in the open classroom.

Because of student interest in the Music Department, the band class was divided into two groups this year. Vocal and instrumental music were offered to students who wanted to fully understand and appreciate music.

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Don't be surprised if home-sewn men's apparel appears at your next fashion show. Boys have shown an increasing amount of interest in domestic arts. This interest made Leisure Living, a course which included a nine week unit on sewing, especially popular with boys. During those nine weeks they made a variety of practical things, from denim vests to goose down hunting vests.

Even more popular than the sewing unit was the cooking phase of the course. Both girls and boys enjoyed learning the basics of cooking and sampling the results.

The importance for every student to have some practical instruction in all areas of domestic arts was affirmed by a new program at the junior high school. An "exploratory" course, which included clothing, foods and nutrition, consumer economics, and child care was required of all seventh graders this year. It's too early to tell what effects this junior high policy will have on the future of home-ec courses at the high school.

Mr. Vincent Modzelewski

Mrs. Lee Kratinski

Mr. John Resh

Mrs. Judith A. Sforza

Mr. Bruce B. Brindza

Top Right: With great care Chris Moe shapes one of her first ceramics projects for the year. *Above Right:* Concentrating on the notes and lyrics, Karen Kuchta practices with a score from "Oliver!"

Mrs. Monica F. Newton

Mrs. Marie Bohnsack

Miss Kathleen Kapica

Art Department

MR. VINCENT MODZELEWSKI
Art Department Chairperson; Art Workshop; MA

MRS. LEE KRATINSKI
Introduction to Design, Jewelry; BA; Student Council Advisor

MR. JOHN RESH
Advanced Fine and Applied Art, Ceramics, Commercial Arts; Stage Design; MA

MRS. JUDITH A. SFORZA
Creative Crafts, Introduction to Design; BA

Music Department

MR. BRUCE B. BRINDZA
Band, Music Survey, Theory and Harmony, Vocal Class; BS; Marching Band; Jazz-Rock Ensemble; Pit Band

Home Economics Department

MRS. MONICA F. NEWTON
Home Economics Chairperson; Clothing I and II, Advanced Tailoring, Leisure Living, Marriage and Family; M.Ed.

MRS. MARIE BOHNSACK
Beauty Culture Occupations; BS

MISS KATHLEEN KAPICA
Child Care I, Foods and Nutrition I, II, Gourmet Cooking, Leisure Living; BA; Sophomore Class Advisor

Top Left: During his cooking class, Bob Gordon cracks an egg with the ease of a gourmet. *Left:* Totally engrossed in her work, a beauty culture student is caught unaware by the Quo Vadis photographer.

Widening Career Opportunities

Mr. John E. Rupp

Mr. Richard Belotti

Mr. John Ciszewski

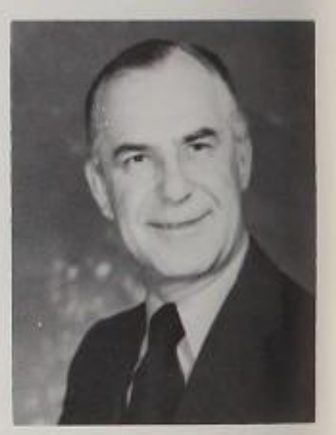
Mr. Steve J. Cserr

Mr. James A. Geletei

Mr. William Horvath

Mr. Lynn Paul

Mr. Alfred Riker



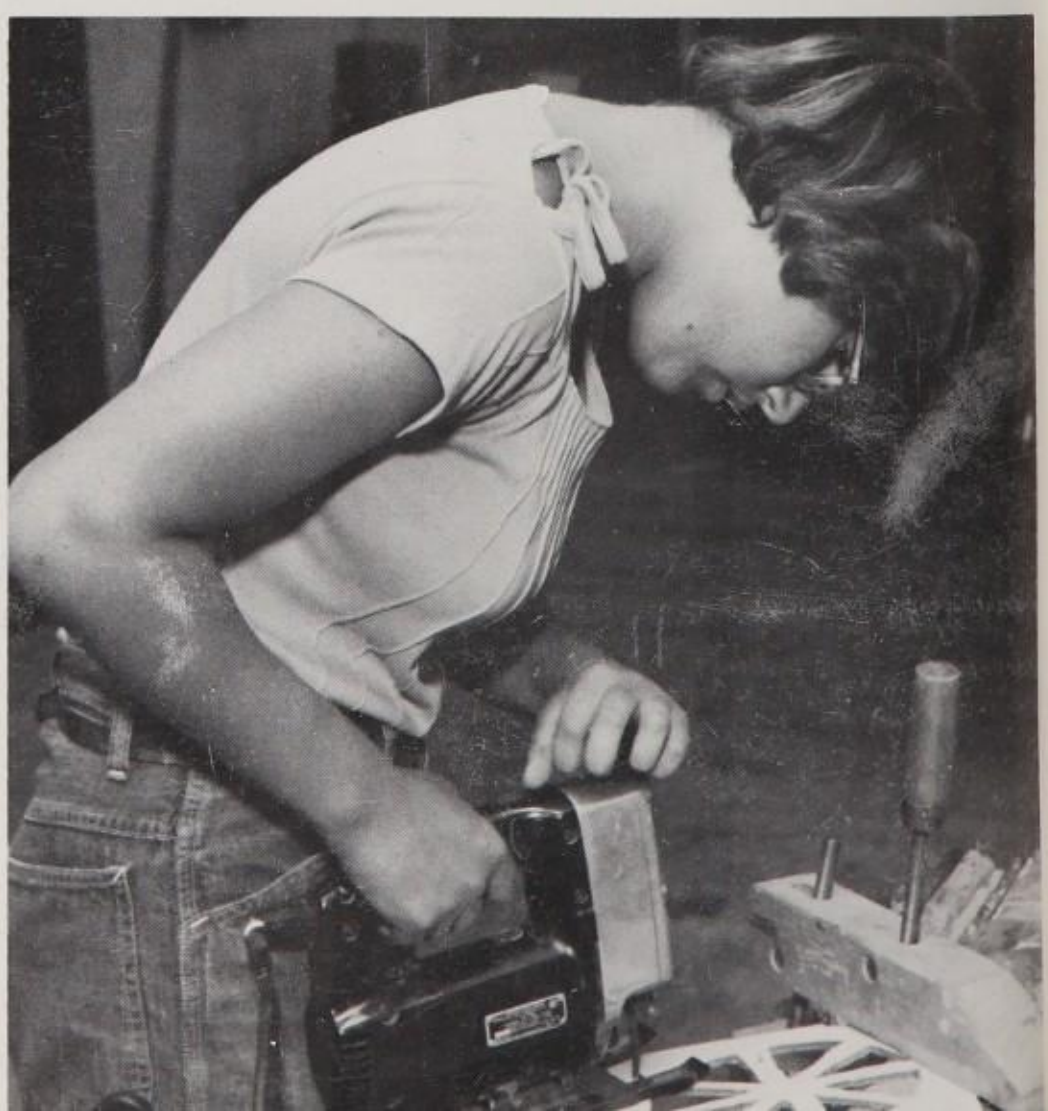
Mr. John J. Simko

Providing career education every day of the year, the Industrial Arts Program has introduced students to the fundamentals of engineering, graphics, construction and auto mechanics.

In the opinion of department chairperson John Rupp, individuals have benefited in different ways from the program. Students had the opportunity of sampling several of the department's facets or specializing in one area.

The program has also been useful to the college prep student interested in pursuing engineering or architectural careers. Students receive some basic knowledge of machinery which neither college prep courses nor college level courses offer.

Like the home economics department, the industrial arts department may be affected by a new program instituted at the junior high level. The course, "Home & Auto Maintenance" requires that all students become acquainted with the problems of home and auto upkeep.



Top: For the successful completion of his project, Mike Vaccaro demonstrates the necessary welding skills. *Right:* In wood shop, Sue Fuoti tries her hand at making a wheel.

Top: After the mold hardens, Bob Henk cuts the design for his next plastics project. *Center:* With the aid of Mr. Ciszewski, Keith Mervin and John Donahue learn the procedures of replacing a timing chain on a Buick.

Industrial Arts Department

MR. JOHN E. RUPP
Industrial Arts Department Chairperson, Metal Shop; MA

MR. RICHARD L. BELOTTI
Wood I, II, III; BA; Stage Construction Advisor

MR. JOHN CISZEWSKI
Auto I, II, III; MA

MR. STEVE J. CSERR
Machine Shop I, II, III; MA

MR. JAMES A. GELETEI
Graphic Arts, Photography; BS

MR. WILLIAM HORVATH
Plastics, Ceramics, Metal Shop I, Wood I; BS; Junior Class Advisor

MR. LYNN PAUL
Drafting I, IV; MA

MR. ALFRED RIKER
Aeronautics, Electricity, Electronics; MA

MR. JOHN J. SIMKO
Sheet Metal Pattern Drafting, Architectural Drafting; MA

Payment for Education

More than 80 students at SWMHS have been placed in jobs through the Distributive Ed and Cooperative Office Experience programs. These students earned credits and were paid for their work. Most of the eighty students placed were girls. Many of the calls for boys had to be turned down because of a lack of boys in the COE program.

Within the school, the Business Department, like English and Math, felt the effects of T & E. More spelling, reading, and math drills were introduced. These basic skills were taught to help the students survive in the working world. Teachers in the department attended workshops in an effort to strengthen and expand the offerings in these areas.

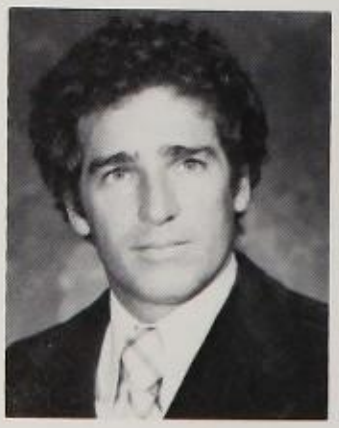
There is always something being updated in the Business Department. Word processing, office and traditional types of steno are still taught, and Gregg awards have been given out in typing and steno.

Above Right: In Business Machines, Mrs. Halti explains the procedures of dittoing to Theresa Walters. *Right:* Amid a clutter of workbooks, Janet Seaman, Shirley Wojcik and Debbie Bartz discuss their business assignments.

Mrs. Mary Dulemba

Mrs. Marcia Barnard

Mrs. Patricia Coleman



Mr. Patrick J. Dineen

Mrs. Barbara A. Groncki

Ms. Katherine Halenar

Mrs. Patricia Haltli

Mrs. Susan Jaysnovitch

Mrs. Grace K. Mershon

Mrs. Joan Romatowski

Mr. Donald E. Schmeyer

Miss Darlene Schwenk

Ms. Helene Ann Turowski

Business Department

MRS. MARY DULEMBA
Business Department Chairperson; Secretary Office Practice, Stenography II, Transcription/ Typing; M.Ed.

MRS. MARCIA BARNARD
Typing I, Typing II, Retailing; BA

MRS. PATRICIA COLEMAN
Consumer Education, Business Mathematics, Typing I; MA

MR. PATRICK J. DINEEN
Data Processing, Psychology; MA; Basketball Club, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach

MRS. BARBARA A. GRONCKI
Typing II, Steno II, Transcription/Typing; MA

MS. KATHERINE HALENAR
Business Law, Clerical Practice II, Economic Geography; BS

MRS. PATRICIA HALTLI
Business Machines, Business Math, Typing I; BS

MRS. SUSAN JAYSNOVITCH
Business Communications, Personal Typing, Recordkeeping; M.Ed.

MRS. GRACE K. MERSHON
Accounting I, II; BS

MRS. JOAN ROMATOWSKI
Business Law, Stenography I; BS

MR. DONALD E. SCHMEYER
Distributive Education I, II, III; BS; DECA and Senior Class Advisor

MISS DARLENE SCHWENK
Clerical I, Typing II; BA

MS. HELENE ANN TUROWSKI
Accounting I, Data Processing I, II; BA; Future Business Leaders of America Advisor

Top Left: A long tabulation demands Pat Comerford's undivided attention. *Above Left:* During a break in typing class, Robin Novak lets her thoughts wander.

The Year the Divider Stayed Open

Mr. John W. Hefelfinger

Mr. Andrew J. Buydos

Mr. Kevin Corrigan

Mr. Richard P. Denike

Mrs. Miriam E. Fehrle

Mr. Larry Helwig

For the first time, the divider in the gym remained open due to the new laws requiring co-ed gym in all New Jersey schools. All health and gym classes became co-ed, with the exception of Senior health.

The new program provided an equal opportunity for all students to use all facilities and to have equal options to participate in the various activities offered by the department.

According to teachers and students, the new laws that affected the Physical Education department made quite a change from previous years. This change required an adjustment by all involved.

The entire curriculum had to be reorganized to meet the needs of the co-ed classes. There was a definite need for more electives, as well as more space in which to teach.

Although there were some problems in adjusting to the change, there were no major accidents, injuries, or complaints that would constitute a change. It will take a while, however, to determine the success of the program.

New changes in the Driver Ed. Program made it easier because the students can drive with a student permit at 16. Though the program was not changed, new manuals, tests, and cards were used.

Top: During this co-ed gym class, the students enjoy a fast-moving basketball game. *Above Right:* After being dismissed, Ellen Zielinski heads straight for the locker room. *Right:* Taking a break from the usual co-ed gym class, these boys play a tough game of football.

Mr. James W. Inman

Mr. Henry Krupinski

Ms. Susan Maurer

Miss Janet L. Ryan

Ms. Judy Sunski

Mr. John Tyskiewicz

Ms. Marcia Westaby

Ms. Patricia Willis

Physical Education Department

MR. JOHN W. HEFELFINGER
Physical Education Department Chairperson; M.Ed.; Boys' Gymnastic Coach

MR. ANDREW J. BUYDOS
Health, Physical Education, Driver Education; BA; Wrestling Coach

MR. KEVIN CORRIGAN
Health, Physical Education, Driver Education; BS

MR. RICHARD P. DENIKE
Driver Education; MA

MRS. MIRIAM E. FEHRLE
Health, Driver Education, Simulators; BS; Cheerleading Advisor

MR. LARRY HELWIG
Health, Physical Education, Driver Education; BS; JV Football Coach

MR. JAMES W. INMAN
Driver Education, Simulators, Driver Theory; BS

MR. HENRY KRUPINSKI
Health, Physical Education; BA; Varsity Football Coach

MS. SUSAN MAURER
Health, Physical Education, Driver Education; BS; Girls' Varsity Tennis and Track and Field Coach

MISS JANET L. RYAN
Health, Physical Education, Driver Education; BS

MS. JUDY SUNSKI
Senior Health, Physical Education; BS; Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach

MS. MARCIA WESTABY
Health, Physical Education; BS; Varsity Field Hockey Coach

MS. PATRICIA WILLIS
Physical Education; BS; JV Field Hockey Coach

MR. JOHN TYSKIEWICZ
Health, Physical Education; BS; Football, Track and Weight Training Coach

Top: Mr. Denike gives a reassuring smile as he instructs one of his Driver Ed students. *Above:* With the aid of spotters, Roberta Killian keeps her balance in a backbend.

Individual Attention Makes a Difference

Many of the students at SWMHS have probably wondered what was taught in room A-48 this year. Once used for chorus classes, the room was converted for use by the Compensatory Education Program. This program, which was required by the state, was taught by Mrs. Stollar and Mrs. Epstein who are both new to Sayreville High. They met once or twice a week with small groups or individual students who showed a need for individual attention in reading and math. Also new to the school was Mrs. Caryl Comeforo, who taught in the Resource Center.

Although Mrs. Simko and Mrs. Petzold come into contact with greater numbers of students, they also gave individual attention and assistance to students using the library.

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The hours of work put in by Mr. Wortley, Mr. Recine and Mrs. Ziemba were largely behind the scenes, but they affected the entire student body. Mr. Wortley, the Athletic Director, coordinated the sports schedules and dealt with the rescheduling of the many fall events which were rained out this year. He also arranged for police and first aid coverage at every game.

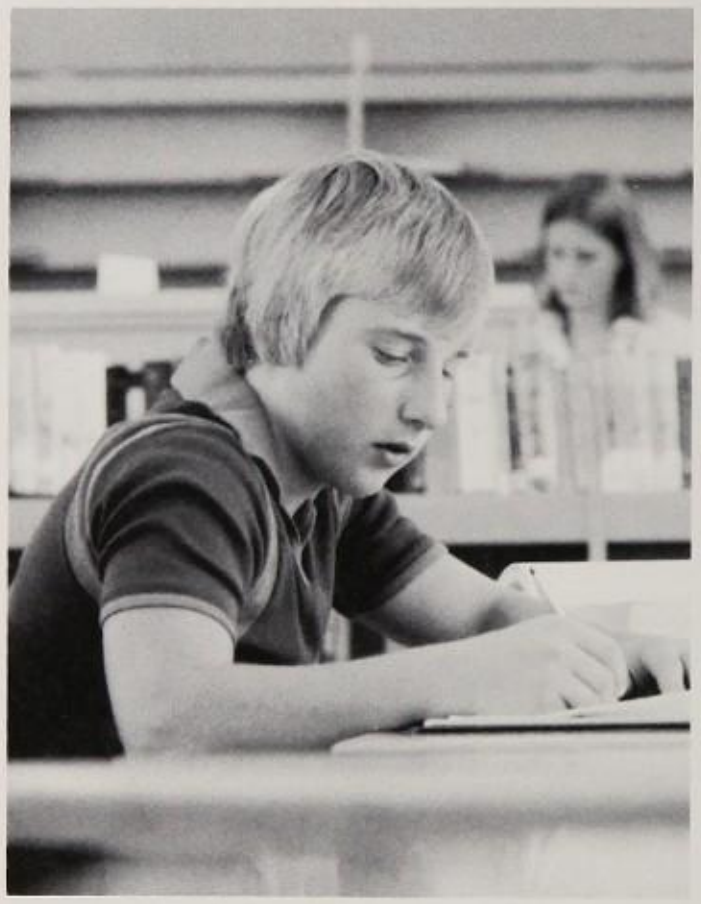
Mr. Recine, the Athletic Trainer, attended every athletic event. He was close by to examine and tape an injured player, and also give advice to players on injury prevention.

While Mr. Recine dealt with athletic injuries and rehabilitation, Mrs. Ziemba dealt with the health of the student body. At one time or another, she has served everyone in the school, whether it was to give a driver-ed eye test or to treat a serious illness.

Mrs. Beverly Epstein

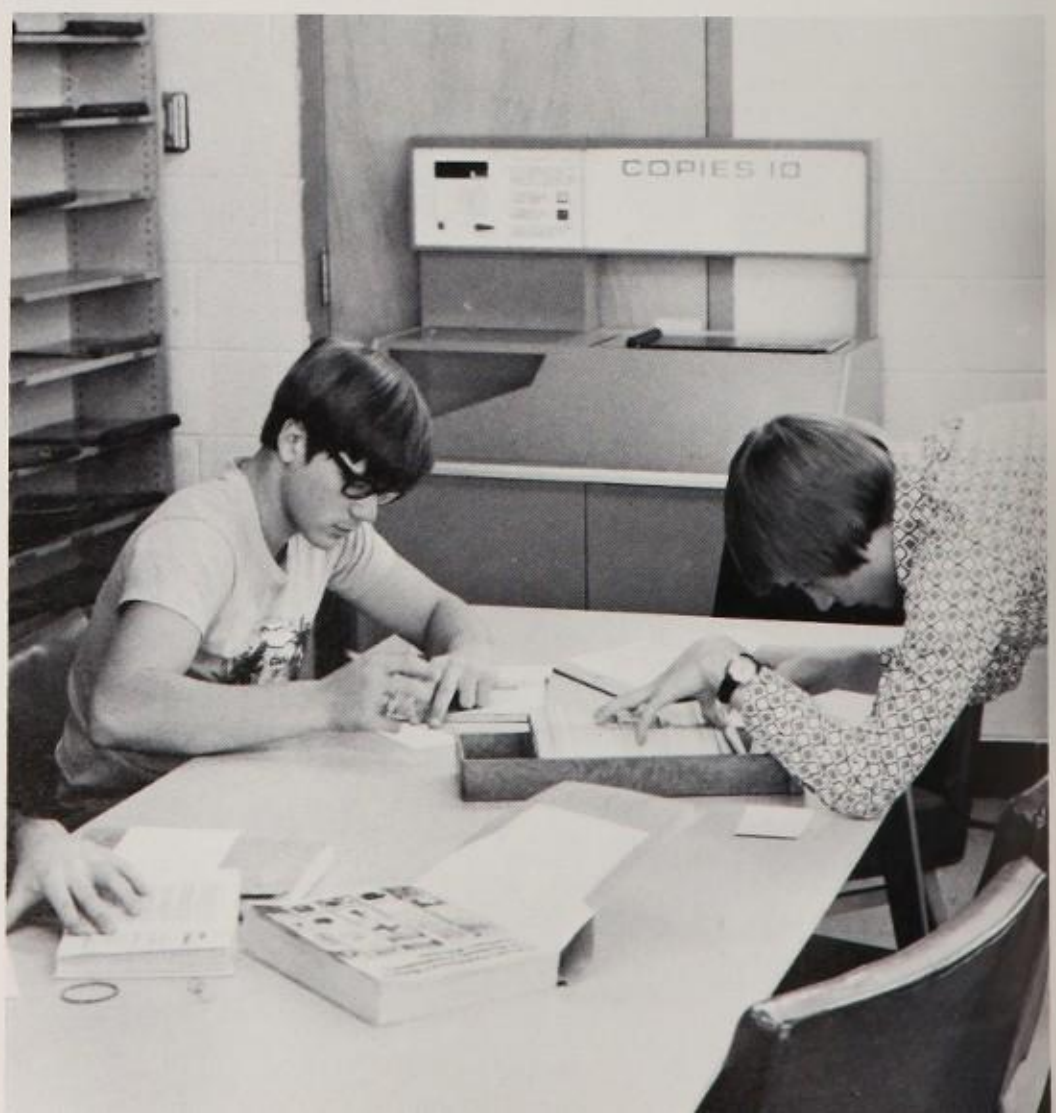
Mrs. Sandra Stollar

Mrs. Caryl Comeforo



Mrs. Lorraine W. Simko

Mrs. Barbara Petzold



Top Right: Using one of the library's resources, Ed Laubach easily finds the information he needs. *Right:* Working on projects, seniors Jim Baron and Tom Barbieri use the card catalogue to find proper materials.

Mr. Vito Recine

Mr. John Wortley

Mrs. Josephine Ziemba, R.N.

Special Services

MRS. BEVERLY EPSTEIN
Compensatory Reading; M.Ed.

MRS. SANDRA STOLLAR
Compensatory Math; BA

MRS. CARYL COMEFORO
Resource Center; MS

MRS. LORRAINE W. SIMKO
Librarian; BA; Library Council Advisor

MRS. BARBARA PETZOLD
Library Aide; BA

MR. VITO RECINE
Athletic Trainer; NATA Certification

MR. JOHN WORTLEY
Director of Athletics; MA

MRS. JOSEPHINE ZIEMBA, R.N.
School Nurse

Top: As part of her daily routine, Nurse Ziemba keeps records of the students who come to her. *Above:* While at a home tennis match, Mr. Wortley discusses a matter of importance with Ms. Maurer.

Job Placement Counselor Added

In response to what was felt to be a weakness in the program, the services of job placement counselor Carolyn Rhodes were added to the guidance department early in the year. "We were taking care of the college prep students," stated Mr. Newcomer, "but we felt we weren't adequately taking care of those who immediately enter the working world."

The initial interest was expressed by Mr. Downs, Guidance Director, and Mr. Newcomer, head of the high school guidance department. Mr. McCormack, the Federal Coordinator, was credited by Mr. Newcomer as being instrumental to the program. He was responsible for writing up the program to obtain federal funding.

Adding the services of a job placement counselor has been an upcoming trend in the Middlesex County area. Especially with the down turn of the economy, Mr. Newcomer explained, "We felt we really needed one for the past couple of years." However, lack of funds in the past hindered the program.

Mrs. Rhodes' energetic start made up for lost time. Within two months, she began to establish contacts with community employers, and was also responsible for a guidance field trip. In December students attended a business and industry exhibit held at the Ramada Inn in East Brunswick. Within the school, Mrs. Rhodes distributed a job placement survey and set up files on student and employer needs.

Other counselors in the guidance department have had an equally busy year. The demands of serving on subcommittees mandated by T & E were coupled with the responsibility of 500 students per counselor.

Space also presented a problem. Mrs. Rhodes' office, little more than a desk partitioned off from the waiting room by bookcases, was typical of the shortage of space with which the counselors also had to cope.

Top: With help from Mrs. Lake, Laurie Lasky decides her plans for after graduation. *Above:* During an unusually hectic day, Mr. Spano replaces a window broken by vandals. *Left:* While Ms. Balon rings up the sale, Don Ginelli counts to make sure he has the right amount.

Mr. Daniel Newcomer

Mrs. Evelyn S. Billard

Mrs. Marie Lake

Miss Elena M. Leone

Mr. Richard Tewell

Mrs. Carolyn Rhodes

Bottom: L. Becker, A. Szafranski, L. Nayduch, R. Raymond. *Top:* A. Ferreri (Mgr.), C. Gurgol, J. Balon, A. Miara, S. Truchan, J. Jarusiewicz, M. Thomas.

Custodial Staff — J. Olszeweski, J. Szcecine, H. Beattic, A. Marcinczyk, T. Lopez, P. Anghelone, J. Smigochi, W. Stelmaszek, G. Zebrowski. Missing: C. Wojaczyk.

Guidance Department

MR. DANIEL NEWCOMER
Counseling and Placement Chairperson; M.Ed.

MRS. EVELYN S. BILLARD
Counselor — Ri-Z; MA

MRS. MARIE LAKE
Counselor — L-Re; MS

MISS ELENA M. LEONE
Counselor — A-D; MA

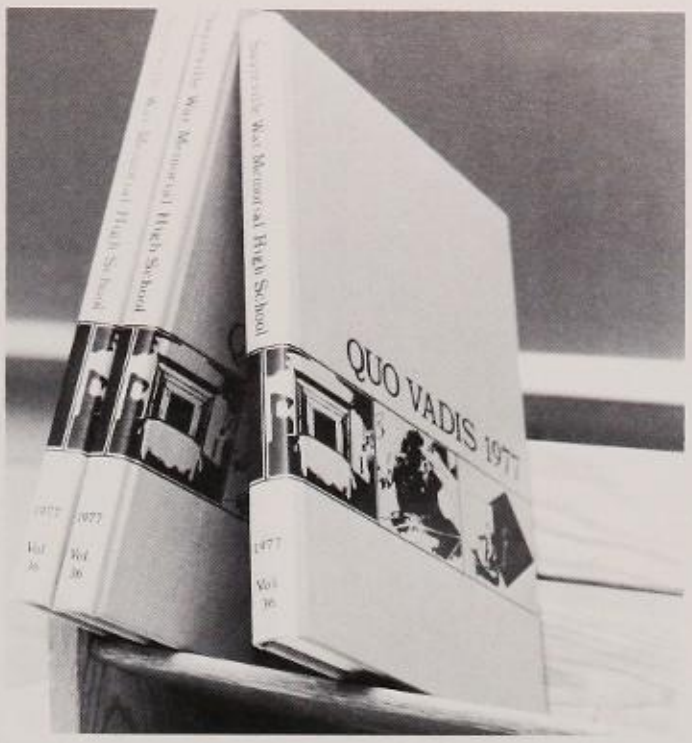
MR. RICHARD TEWELL
Counselor — E-K; MS

MRS. CAROLYN RHODES
Job Placement Counselor — MA

For some, school begins at 8:00 and ends promptly at 2:30. But, for a growing number of others, the building doesn't really begin to come alive until after dismissal. Depending upon the time of year, the animated tones of discussion from a meeting in progress, the click of typewriters and scratch of pens, the enthusiastic voices of students in rehearsal, and even the whispers heard above the hush of a chess match, spill into the halls.

Even with the diversity that exists, the students are growing and their needs changing. The science department and math department recognized this and organized three new clubs, Future Nurses of America, Chemistry League, and the Math Club. An attempt by the physical education department to form a student trainer organization was not successful, although an interest in it was expressed.

The choice to become involved demands a committment of one's free time, a scarce commodity in this fast-paced world. Thriving on the concern of interested students and dedicated advisors, the activities program survives because students value the opportunity to meet with others who share their interests, and to turn out a publication, or a project, or a performance that they can take pride in.



Activities

Quo Vadis Contends With Winter of 78

"S-N-O-W" became an obnoxious four letter word to the 14 editors and advisor of *Quo Vadis 1978.*

While many students welcomed the relaxation and extra sleep, the snow days were a source of mounting tension for this year's staff. To compensate for the time loss, one Saturday morning at 9:30, 13 sleepy-eyed editors and their advisor, arms piled with typewriters, quad packs, and Dunkin Doughnuts, assembled at the back door of one editor's home. Her family had donated use of their basement as a work area that morning, and the staff took advantage of their generosity for seven hours. By 4:30, the major portion of the senior section had been completed and most of the editors had begun to accept the disappointments that went along with good intentions and too little time.

The activities section was hardest hit, literally sandwiched in between two major snowstorms. "The effects have been an absolute disaster," said second year advisor Karen Joseph. "Schedules were disrupted, photography schedules totally destroyed . . . Not being able to meet the publisher's deadline brought out the possibility of the yearbook not coming out in June." She emphasized that "no other club, organization, etc. has deadlines that they must meet to publish." When asked if the 1978 book would have been a better one without the disruptions the snow caused, her answer was a definite "Yes!"

Snow was not the first problem the staff faced. Four editorial positions changed hands and two editors were removed and never officially replaced. Although Ms. Joseph remembers feeling "extremely upset by it — a yearbook must have continuity," curriculum editor Yasmin Haque was of a different opinion; "The people who left, left because they had something they'd rather devote their time to. The ones who came in were really willing to put the time in to make it a good book."

Things began to gel towards the beginning of November when the staff received the cover mock up and the first set of brown lines to inspect. "We fell in love with the cover and knew we'd have to make the rest of the book great," said Allyn Zeisler.

Top: Quo Vadis advisor Ms. Joseph, looks over one of the year's many layouts. *Above:* While Allyn Zeisler tried to decide which picture is right for a layout, Sports Editor Michelle Czachur assists Editor-in-Chief Jody Mehl with the copy.

"There was a lot more pressure on all of us because we had to make our book measure up to the quality of last year's book," explained Editor-in-Chief Jody Mehl. "Once we learned that the 1977 staff earned the highly coveted first place award in the Columbia Press Competition, we knew that we, and our advisor especially, wouldn't be satisfied with anything less."

"It was probably the greatest pleasure I've ever gotten," said Ms. Joseph. "I was afraid to open the envelope," she recalled. "It was very important to the former editors." Now it is the 78 staff who must wait.

Top Left: With the aid of Underclass and Typing Editor Tracy Rupp, Copy Editor Debi Grandinetti and Curriculum Editor Yasmin Haque write an article for the activities section. *Above Left:* Activities Editors Mary Arnella and Nancy Applegate choose pictures for the cheerleaders page. *Top:* As deadline time grows near, Lisa Martens, Senior Section Editor realizes the amount of typing involved in the Senior Section. *Center:* Sports Editor, Lou Acero, checks a layout before giving his approval. *Above:* The job of checking the spelling of seniors' names is tackled by Curriculum Editor Alice Coakley.

Top: After identifying members in the club pictures, Nancy Applegate, Activities Editor, checks the master list of their correct spelling. *Above:* While working on layouts, Alyssa Iaciofoli laughs at an unusual picture Mary Ellen Parsler is cropping.

Top Right: Assisting Michelle Czachur with her section, Ms. Joseph shows her the correct layout for the sports division page. *Center:* After finding a comfortable position, Curriculum Editor Yasmin Haque reads over an article she wrote for her section. *Above:* After choosing the fall drama pictures, Mary Arnella decides where they will be positioned.

Images Awarded Second Place

Images: Bruce Mast, Mrs. Gelsinon, Jane Kuczynski, John Defillips, Cindy Cutrona, Lester Morgan, Stephanie Maze, Stephanie Orlowicz, Robin Collier, Lois Schmalz, Anne Marie Geiger, Scott Kominkiewicz, Darleen Drake.

Top: After a successful candy sale, Bruce Mast and Stephanie Maze look through the profits under Mrs. Gelsinon's watchful eye. *Center:* Sorting out stories and poetry is a difficult task undertaken by Stephanie Maze, Cindy Cutrona, Lester Morgan, and Lois Schmalz. *Right:* Members of *Images* openly discuss the final entries for the poetry section.

Although only in its third year of publication, *Images '77* received second place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Competition. This year, the staff and editors of Sayreville High School's literary-art magazine worked harder than ever for a chance at first place standing in the competition.

Editorial Consultant Ann Marie Geiger explained some of the difficulties faced by the staff. At the top of the list, she cited the student body's attitude toward the magazine. "It's not good at all," she admitted. "A lot of talented people don't sumbit." Ironically, although the magazine was designed to give students confidence in their ability for creative self-expression, it seemed that "lack of confidence held them back," noted layout editor Yasmin Haque.

The general lack of interest in *Images* was compensated for by the commitment of the advisor and editors to the magazine. All the editors agreed with Ann that "Mrs. Gelsinon really knows what she is doing, and she has a real feeling for literature."

For the editors themselves, as Yasmin put it, "a feeling of satisfaction whenever we see someone enjoying the magazine," made the commitment worthwhile.

A Tribute to the "Chocolate Chip"

Top: Editors Deb Grandinetti and Jeff Yeck proof the final copy of the November issue.

ECHO-LITES: *Bottom:* Joe Hickey, Tony Cavone, Alan Karmin, Tom Birmingham. *Second Row:* Jeff Yeck, Pat Banks, Deb Grandinetti, Jill Schorr. *Top:* Jim Grote, Jeff Kabat, Glenn Skarzynski, Rick Ferenci, Bill Certo, Laurie Benulis, Janice Chiavacci, Stephanie Maze, Mrs. Baumann.

Echo-Lites kicked off the holiday season with a tribute to the time-honored chocolate chip cookie. On December 12, 1977, feature editor, Pat Banks, and advisor, Mrs. Baumann, supervised *Echo-Lites'* First Annual Bake-Off Contest. Senior Pat Sears, one of the six contestants, emerged as the cookie champ, taking first place in the contest.

Why did the newspaper staff sponsor a bake-off contest? "Primarily, to draw interest to the paper," explained Pat's co-editor Deb Grandinetti. Earlier, in the first issue, the girls co-authored a letter asking for student response to the paper, expressing their desire "(to make) this page as interesting and enjoyable for our readers as possible."

Despite good intentions, it was an uphill climb. Unlike Jan Toscano, Jeff Yeck and Jeff Sica, the other page editors, Deb and Pat had no previous experience.

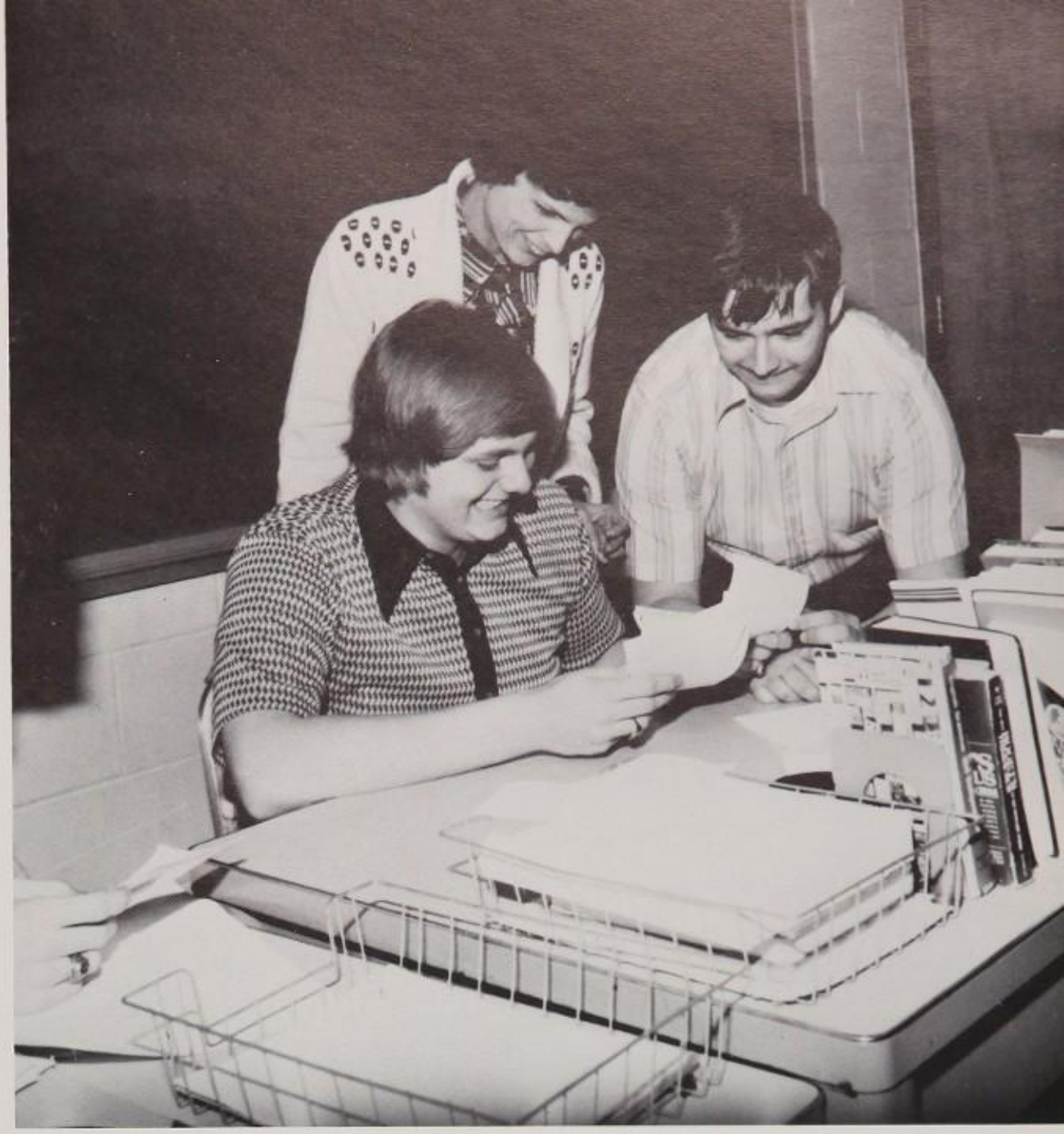
"It was good for me because I learned a lot," said Pat, who plans to become a journalist. "It was hard to figure out what would interest the majority of the students — also, we had to learn what attracts the eye in a layout."

"You'd never think visual impact was so important," added Debbie. "It took a couple of catastrophes at the printer's office and about three issues before we developed a sense for it."

"The worst problem was finding good writers who were willing to stick with it," Pat pointed out. That statement was particularly true for Editorial Page editor Jan Toscano, and Sports editor Jeff Yeck, who turned out their respective pages single-handedly until February, when they began to groom next year's page editors. News editors, Jeff Sica and Jill Schorr, experienced some difficulty with a staff that was late in meeting deadlines.

The cooperation of the editorial board was commendable, especially during times when nothing seemed to go right. Typing editor, Jim Grote, was "everyone's right-hand man," and Jeff Yeck "could probably drive to the publisher's with his eyes closed," one staff member noted. Above all, was the friendliness among the members of the board. They met in Mrs. Baumann's homeroom frequently to exchange suggestions, check on progress, and, mainly, to laugh about the latest problems.

Top: As a deadline approaches, Wendy Ambrose devotes her time to typing the final copy. *Center:* Knowing that their layout has been well planned, Jackie Kaluzny and Jeff Yeck smile with satisfaction. *Bottom:* Jill Schorr, Stephanie Maze and Adele Mongioi seem to be boggled by the task set before them.



Top: After new pictures arrive, Jim Grote, Mrs. Baumann and Billy Certo are amused by the expressions captured. *Above:* Advisor Mrs. Baumann lends constructive criticism to a group of avid writers.

Lollipops, Daisies and Carnations

Behind every "lollipop" in SWMHS this year was an active Student Council member trying to raise money for the March of Dimes. Fund raisers were a big part of Student Council activities. Besides the MOD project, members sponsored "Daisy Day." The council took orders for daisies in October, and delivered them during third period on November 4, 1977. All the proceeds went to UNICEF. The success of "Daisy Day" encouraged them to go ahead with a carnation sale for St. Patricks's Day, which sent proceeds to the Heart Fund. A donation was also made to the Ms. Westaby Memorial Fund after the sale of glass mugs with the initials SWMHS.

The Council's 40 members attempted to tackle the problem of student apathy by scheduling various events beginning in September with Sophomore Orientation. During this time, a slide show was presented, the class advisors were introduced, and Dr. Parnell and Student Council President, Jerriann Donella, talked about the various activities available to students at SWMHS. This was followed on October 22 by the very successful, Homecoming 1977. A series of concerts was given by the rock group "Earth Opera" in January.

In February, the annual Blue and Gray Week was scheduled, beginning with "Little Kiddies Day" and ending with the ever-popular "50's Day." On March 21, senior Student Council Members participated in an Exchange Day program with various area high schools.

Rounding out the year's actitivites was a convention of the State Student Council held at Great Adventure in May. For another year, the Student Council kept up its tradition of helping the student body at SWMHS and the community of Sayreville as well.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: *Bottom:* Margaret MacDonald, Glenn Kreiger, Mrs. Kratinski. *Top:* Miss Kwiatkowski, Jerriann Donella, Karen Brent. SC SENIORS: *Bottom:* Glenn Kreiger, Flo Cohen, Patti Lalor, Chris Smithers, Dean Unkel, Jerriann Donella, Lou Acero. *Top:* Donna Holthausen, Diane McVay, Amy Tischler, Margaret MacDonald, Mary Lou Fleming. *Left:* Santa's helpers Jerriann Donella and JoAnne Pondo pose with old St. Nick, portrayed by Glenn Krieger.

SC JUNIORS: *Bottom:* Karyn Frezzi, Lori Schaefer, Jim Weber. *Top:* Mary Jane Briody, June Carnegie, Donna Pacchioli, Kathy Russo, Sue Fleming, Gina Guerri, Karen Brent. *Top:* Holiday characters lend to the spirit at Sayreville High. *Above:* A whimsical banner reminds students that only a few days remain to buy their friends daisies.

SC SOPHOMORES: *Bottom:* Joe MacDonald, Gerri DelGatto, Kathy Jessen *Top:* Adrienne McBride, Amy Brent, Amy Nesterwitz, Leo Walsh, Debbie Jackubowski, Brian Teeter. *Above:* "Sayreville Bomber," Karyn Frezzi makes a guest appearance at the Homecoming pep rally.

Top: Despite their hectic schedule, Quo Vadis editors find time to participate in hats off day. *Above:* Marla Maze and June Carnegie do the hop to the 50's music of "Changes."

Top: Student Council Pres., Jerriann Donella, begins the program by introducing the band. *Above:* Members of "Changes" set the tone for the audience.

Snow Buries Participation

By the morning of February 6, the Student Council's hopes for a successful Blue and Gray Week lay buried, along with the rest of the town, under 18 inches of snow. The resulting three day snow holiday disrupted people's memories, and, despite the announced schedule changes, participation on the various school spirit days was not up to par.

One thing that the snow did not alter was the spirit week format. School spirit days included a "Little Kiddies Day," "Sock-it-to-Me Day," and "Hats Off Day." Participation on these days was opened up to the whole school. Following "Hats Off Day" was "Color Your Class Day." On this day, seniors dressed in blue, juniors, in green, and sophomores, in red.

The week's highlight, "50's Day" was made unique by the scheduling of simultaneous assemblies. Students in the auditorium did the bop to the music of "Changes," while students in the gym listed to the 70's sounds of "Manzo." Student Council coordinated the flow of traffic between the two assemblies carefully, and the transition of each half of the student body to the other assembly was accomplished without a hitch.

Top Left: "Changes" — the years through music. *Above Left:* Showing her enthusiasm, Gerri DelGatto claps to the beat of the 50's. *Left:* Displaying the trend of the fifties, students show off their shoes. *Above:* Rich Fruehwirth concentrates on his guitar playing during the "Manzo" performance.

The "Great Pumpkin" Takes All

Top: Marla Maze, Gina Alfonso, Jeanne Cassidy, and Frank Gasparro, present the Junior Class float, "Winter Olympics." *Center:* Driven by Lou Acero, 1976 Homecoming Queen, Diane Doyle makes her farewell appearance. *Above:* Newly crowned Homecoming Queen, Janie Murphy, greets the spectators.

Top: Thinking ahead to another winning float, Paula Buczynski, Natalie Donnelly, and Jody Mehl, work diligently toward completion. *Center:* Taking advantage of the beautiful autumn day, members of the Class of '80 present their first Homecoming float. *Above:* Sr. Class Pres., Allyn Zeisler, puts the final touches on the winning float.

October 22, 1977 couldn't have turned out to be a more beautiful day for a homecoming game.

It was hard to tell who was more pleased with the mild weather. Was it the Student Council, the Marching Band and band front, the football team, class officers, or the five Homecoming Queen candidates who had taken so much care with every aspect of the big event? Or was it the fans who, packed to capacity in the bleachers, simply came to enjoy?

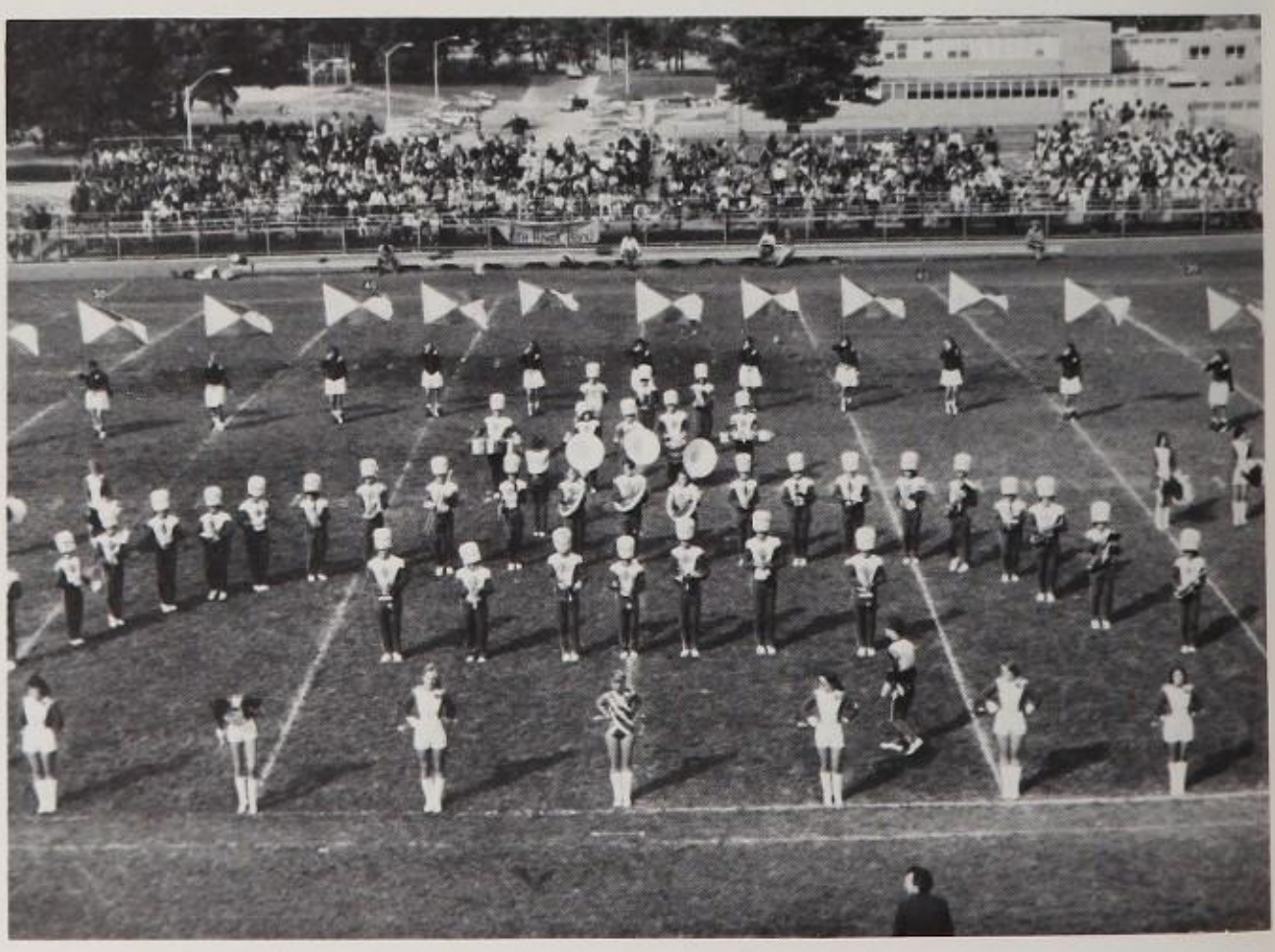
The football team had a rough time contending with the championship South River Rams, the top-seeded team in the conference. Although the score finally resolved at 51-7, Sayreville fans seemed oblivious. They had come to watch the half-time festivities.

Seated atop a royal blue MG driven by Lou Acero, Diane Doyle, the 1976 Homecoming Queen, led the procession of floats. The Sophomore float was a colorful illustration of the theme "Spring is . . . " while the mood turned cold with the Junior class tribute to the "Winter Olympics."

The winning float, "The Great Pumpkin," brought us back into fall again, with the Class of 78's second consecutive win. Completing the four seasons, the Student Council float, "Summer Breeze," carried the five Homecoming Queen candidates, Mary Lou Fleming, Donna Holthausen, Margaret McDonald, Kathy Jo Modzelewski, and Janie Murphy.

Time stood still as Student Council President, Jerriann Donella, removed the contents of the sealed envelope and turned towards the microphone to announce the winner. Declaring Janie Murphy as the 1977 Homecoming Queen broke the tension and sent the fans into an outburst, signifying their approval. No one seemed more surprised than Janie herself. Friends, family, and other well wishers called out their congratulations as she took Diane Doyle's place atop the MG and circled the stadium.

Above Left: Making their way around the stadium for the final time, the five Homecoming Queen candidates smile nervously while awaiting their class' decision. *Left:* Janie Murphy gets a good-luck kiss from her escort, Rod Boehm.



Top Left: Keeping in step, woodwinds and brass march off the field. *Above Left:* Tuning his instrument, Glenn Skarzynski prepares for practice. *Left:* After completing their performance Mike Makransky and Tom Locha march back to the stands. *Top Right:* Clarinet player Linda Rogers practices a new selection. *Above:* The marching band pauses for a moment after completing its first formation of the show.

The "Best Group" Ever

MARCHING BAND: *Bottom:* John Godowski, Joe Quinto, Sue Casano, Sue Mansmann, Beth Brocato, Bill Certo, Charlie Mills, Rich Peters, Phil Teeter. *Second:* Donna Lotrario, Terri Klein, Tracey Skarzynski, Michelle Golla, Carol Gaul, Lori Schmidt, Nancy Billington. *Third:* Kevin Bloodgood, Arleen Dunwald, Gloria Soto, Linda Rogers, Heidi Weshnack, Karen Di Benedetto, Robin Collier. *Fourth:* Bill Durrua, Mike Makranski, Mark Bender, Tom Locha, Chris Sopris, Kitty Lynch. *Fifth:* George Bell, Steve Dauda, Marianne Fitzpatrick, George Jorgensen, Don Noe, Ken Tynan. *Top:* Mark Klitzke, Sue Whitton, Glenn Skarzynski, Daryl Roberts, Rick Cyr.

"It seemed more balanced this year . . . and we had some good times!" said senior Nancy Billington of her third and final year as a member of the SWMHS Marching Band.

Band director, Bruce Brindza, called the 1978 Marching Band "the best group I've had since I've been here." Appropriately, this was the first year that members attended a June dinner held in their honor at the Pines Manor. Earlier in the year, the Band Parents Association also financed the purchase of wind breakers with the band unit name and school emblazoned on the back. The jackets were distributed during February.

The new year for the Marching Band started as early as the last week of August, 1977. Brindza was pleased with 98 percent attendance, emphasizing that "only three" failed to attend the week-long band clinic held at Mansfield State College. It was during this week that drum majors John Godowski and Philip Teeter officially took command, replacing graduates Verne James and Kevin Lawson.

With the first week of intensive training behind them, the band put in two to three days of practice per week, doubling practice time prior to the homecoming game. Brindza put together an impressive score that included "Virgin De La Macarena," "Broadway Razzle Dazzle," "Stand Tall," and the inspirational "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The band was also responsible for learning the theme songs which went along with the four floats.

The band had the active support of its Parents Association. They were extremely successful in impressing upon the community the need for a quality music program in the elementary grades. Despite the defeat of the 1978-79 Board of Education budget, the March 1st issue of the Suburban Spokesman reported that "the money allocated to hire the two additional music teachers will not be cut from the budget." It quoted Board President Thomas Strugala as saying "the board considers music an educational program, not an expendable frill."

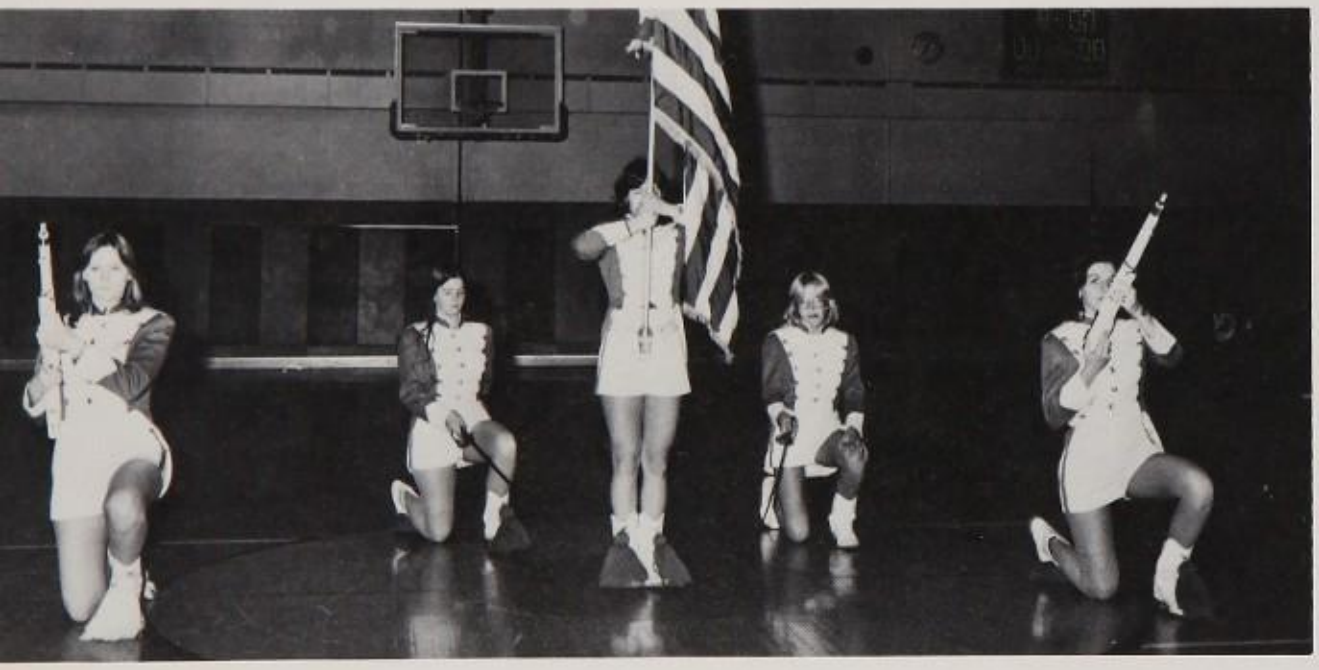
Top Left: As Don Noe pertorms his solo, the rest of the band stands at attention.

Step, touch-step; step, touch-step; step, touch-step; touch-step, touch-step . . . by the middle of the football season, the Band Front members must have been able to recite the routine in their sleep.

Despite the repetition, the girls had a lot to be excited about. They performed the first dance routine ever in the history of the Band Front. Few of them had any kind of dancing lessons before, the girls explained, so it took a special effort to master the new routine.

Alyssa Iaciofoli and Mary Ellen Parsler both agreed that this year's Band Front was the best in the three years they've participated. They attributed the improvement to the band camp that the girls attended along with the Marching Band during the last week of August. It was there that skilled clinicians choreographed new routines for the Sayreville Squad. The girls practiced for a week under their supervision and then brought the routines home to perfect.

Aside from the novel dance step, the Band Front enjoyed an increase in membership. The flag squad more than doubled in size, and although the Rifle squad was considerably smaller, experience and capability helped to compensate. The rifle squad members were as proud of their innovative routine featuring handsprings and backward rifle tosses as the twirlers and drill team were of the kickline.



DRILL TEAM: *Bottom:* Cheryl DeLucia, Dawn Fallon, Audrey Karmin, Mary Odolecki, Lisa Jankech, Nancy Casazza. *Center:* Judie Kreseski, JoAnne Mulcahy, Mary Beth Dodge, Joy Wendler, Kim Howardson, Bridget Eska, Kathy Quigley. *Standing:* Heidi Krumm, Karen Wos, Darleen Wojcik, Robin Kilian.

TWIRLERS: *Bottom:* Laura Carr, Arline Nykvist, Andrea Burrell, Debbie McCormack. *Top:* Cindy Buyofski, Carol Durrua, Denise Poignant, Karen McGuffy.

Top: The band unit presents their new 1977 opening formation. *Above:* In honor of the American flag, the Color Guard salutes at perfect attention.

First Dance Routine on Football Field

RIFLE SQUAD: *Bottom:* Jamie Heims, Judi Adams, Mary Ellen Parsler, Lisa Tevis.

Top: While the band plays the National Anthem, the drill team stands at attention.

FLAG SQUAD: *Bottom:* JoAnn Szczepanik, Terry Cherney, Cathy deVries, Donna Prusakowski. *Second Row:* Jackie Coughlin, Dawn Lytkowski, Karen Colachici, Dawn Howardson, Alyssa Iaciofoli. *Top:* Gail Gallagher, Donna Senkeleski, Betty Wolf, Debbie Davis, Linda Burgermeister, Cindy Connors, Michele Kiyak, Mary Lou Grodzki, Lori Klein.

Top Right: Members of the band front are observed from an unusual angle. *Above Left:* During practice, Jamie Heims takes time out to pose for the Quo Vadis photographer. *Above Right:* During the half-time show, Denise Poignant concentrates on perfecting her routine.

Top Left: With style and grace, Varsity cheerleading captain Kathy Jo Modzelewski leads the individual cheer to rouse team spirit. *Top Right:* Junior Donna Pacchioli bends over backward with joy when the Bombers score a point. *Above:* During a Bomber time out, Lori Haber shows her staunch support of the team by executing a perfect split.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: *Top:* Donna Holthausen, Kathy Jo Modzelewski, Darleen Coyle, Bev Newcomer. *Bottom:* Mary Lou Fleming, Jo Anne Pondo, Donna Pacchioli.

JV CHEERLEADERS: *Top:* Sue Firestine, Linda Callahan, Julia Gomez. *Bottom:* Lori Schaefer, Maria Canata.

New Uniforms Spark New Spirit

Top: During a JV Basketball game, the intensity of the game is reflected upon the cheerleaders' faces. *Center Left:* Cheerleading advisor Miriam Fehrle. *Center Right:* JV Cheerleader Angela Batissa salutes a player after an outstanding shot. *Above:* Pleased with the progression of the game, the varsity cheerleaders cheer the team to victory. *Right:* Adding to the festivities of a pre-season pep rally, the varsity and JV Cheerleaders join forces to promote the enthusiasm of the student body.

"I hate to tell you, JoAnn," a friend confided, "but I saw eleven other girls wearing that dress today!"

JoAnn Pondo laughed. She often found herself in that predicament on the day of a football or basketball game. It was always the same twelve girls, in the same grey and blue plaid jumpers, and for the same reason. The girls hoped, that by wearing their cheerleading uniforms during the school day, they would remind students to come out and support their team during that day's game.

All of the cheerleaders' efforts were supportive. Although the 1978 squad looked forward to competing in the annual St. Pius Golden Cup Cheering Competition, it was not held this year. That event would have been the only one where the cheerleaders received recognition on their own merit. However, they did enjoy an advantage that last year's squad did not. They finally received the new uniforms they had petitioned the Board of Education for last year.

"They were an extremely good group of girls to work with," coach Miriam Fehrle stated. Until they got the routines down pat, the girls stayed for practice five days a week. During the regular season, they sometimes had to content themselves with a half-hour worth of practice prior to the game, due to the hectic basketball schedule.

The girls cheered during football and basketball games and wrestling meets. They also had the opportunity to cheer on the Girls Basketball team at Rutgers Gym, during the Sayreville vs. Piscataway county final game. Reciprocal scheduling of girls and boys basketball games made that impossible during the course of the regular season.

Basketball Club

Students gained a greater interest in basketball through the activities provided by the Basketball Club.

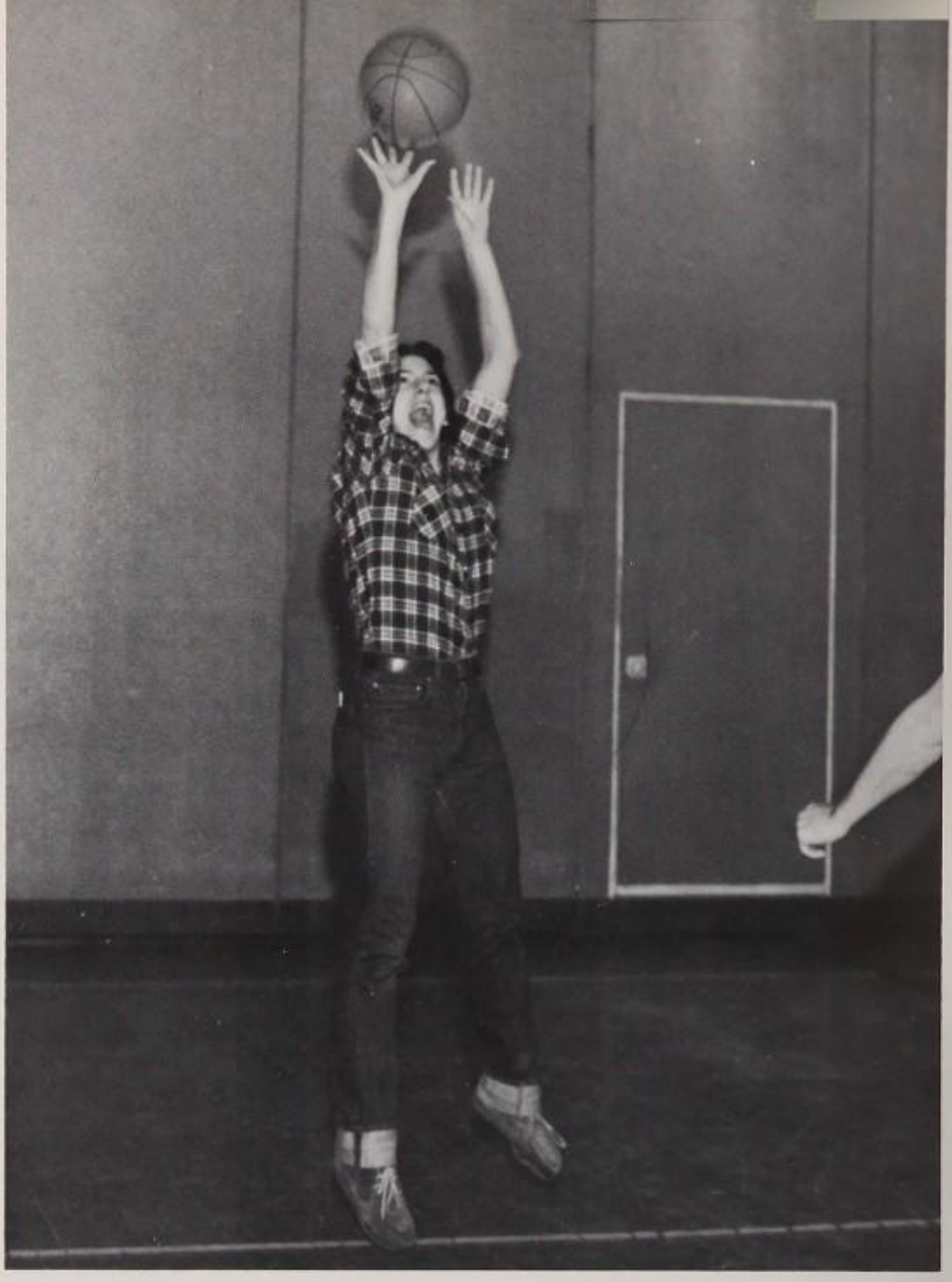
Under the guidance of club advisors, Pat Dineen and Judy Sunski, the club sponsored a basketball game between the faculty members of the Junior and Senior High Schools, which turned out to be a very enjoyable evening for everyone involved. The club members enjoyed the game and later the proceeds from it by attending a professional basketball game.

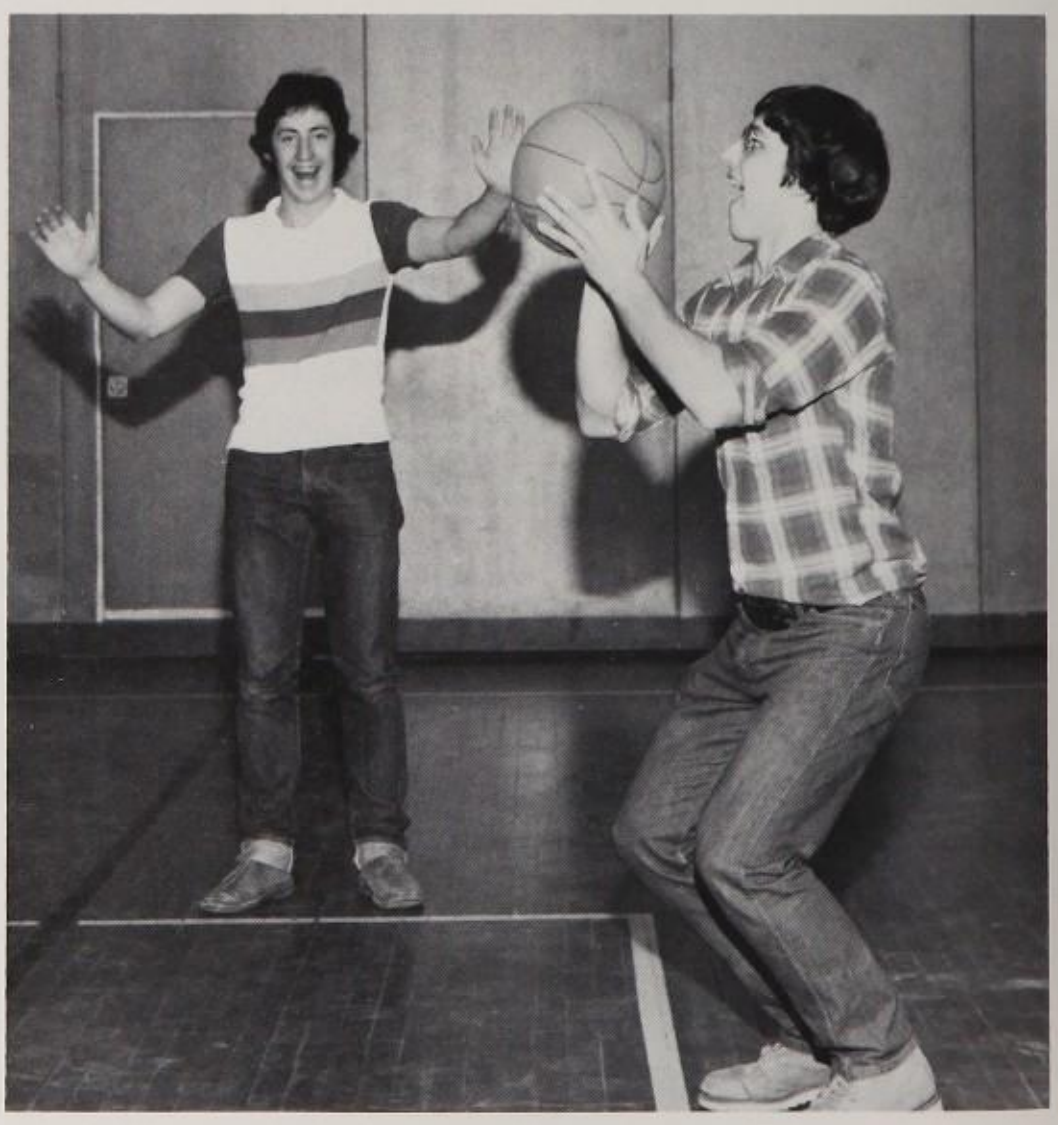
Although the club, which was formed last year, is just in its beginning stages, it proved to be both fun and profitable. Members hope to receive even more support and recognition through the coming years.

Pep Club

Like the cheerleaders, the Pep Club promoted school spirit at football games. They also added to this spirit by leading cheers at pep rallies, making banners, and putting up beat-cards on team members lockers. During the football season, the Pep Club sponsored the buses for away games. A candy sale that featured "Chunky" and "Sugar Babies" was their main fund-raising project for this year. With this money, the Pep Club planned a trip for the spring.

PEP CLUB: *Bottom:* Sue Sweeney, Cathy deVries, Linda Kemmerer. *Second Row:* Debbie Trickel. *Top:* Sue Hampson, Anita Carstens, Cindy Buyofski.





Top: This year's Basketball Club provided an outlet for players such as Lisa Rispoli, to improve their game. *Above:* Though being distracted by Tom Callahan, John Tarnacki attempts a shot from the foul line.

JAZZ ROCK ENSEMBLE: *Bottom:* Steve Dauda, Rick Sears, George Bell, George Jorgensen, Donna Goskowski, Marianne Fitzpatrick, Daryl Roberts. *Top:* Kitty Lynch, John Godowski, Joe Quinto, Charlie Mills, Frank Genus, Bill Durrua, Mike Makransky, John DeFillips, Kevin Bloodgood, Don Noe, Mark Kliztke, Phil Teeter, Glenn Skarzynski.

Top: Saxophone section members practice under the direction of Mr. Brindza. *Above:* Brass members sight-read a new selection for an upcoming performance. *Right:* Saxophone player Steve Dauda mentally reviews the score preceding the Christmas concert.

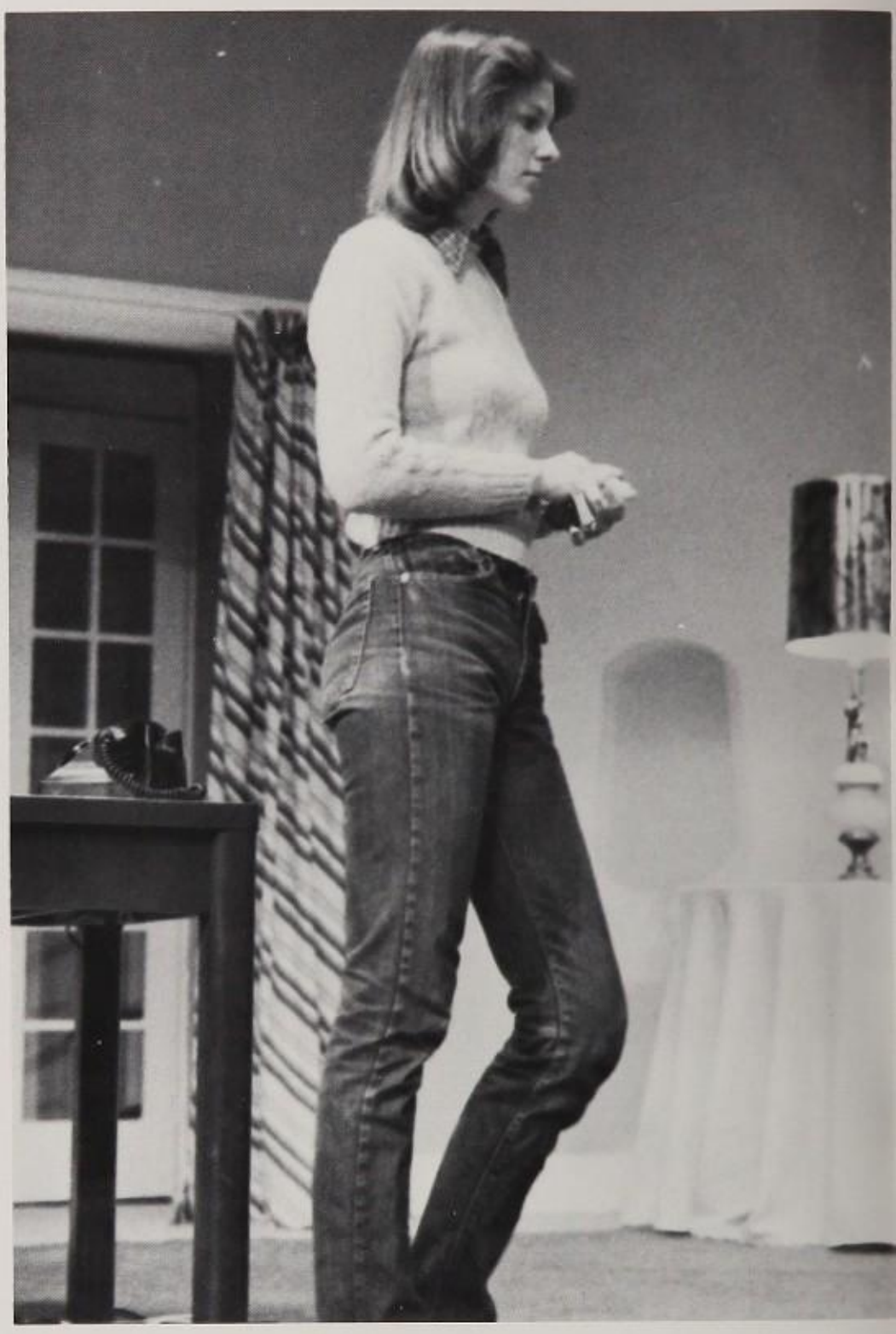
Jazz Rock Ensemble

"We sounded pretty good," admitted alto sax player Marianne Fitzpatrick when asked her opinion of this year's Jazz Rock Ensemble. Members of the student body were even more enthusiastic. "They really sound polished," one student commented.

This polished performance was the result of hours of practice. Twice a week, director Mr. Brindza and the 24 group members met to rehearse contemporary pieces such as "If" and the theme songs from "Rocky," "Police Woman," and "Starsky and Hutch." Their full schedule included concerts given at the Junior High School, Roosevelt School and at a Band Parents Association meeting. The Ensemble was also part of the entertainment at the National Honor Society's Spring Induction, and at two of the band's annual affairs, the Pancake Breakfast and the Spring Concert.

Although most of the Ensemble's members belonged to the Marching Band, they noticed several differences between the two groups. "We were closer because it was a smaller group," Marianne explained, "and with fewer people, we got more accomplished."

The British Come to Sayreville



Top Left: In character, Bruce and John confer on the details of the plot. *Top Right:* During a final practice, Grace Karaffa perfects her role for opening nigh *Above Left:* Tony Wendice reviews the plot against his wife to get it perfect to the last detail. *Above:* Sharing a social drink, Margot Wendice and Max Hallida remain unaware of her husband's plans.

Top: With an expression of guilt and despair, Tony Wendice is apprehended by local bobby Albert Castagnetta. *Center:* Appearing in the Friday night performance, Jeff Sica takes pride in the role of Max Halliday. *Above:* Listening attentively to Tony Wendice, Captain Lesgate tries to picture himself carrying out the murder. *Right:* Inspector Hubbard pauses to make a connection between the facts and his own suspicions.

This year's fall drama combined inexperience with enthusiasm, and the result was a well-polished production of Frederick Knotts' "Dial 'M' for Murder."

The limited number of speaking roles did not permit Director Charles Cunliffe to utilize all of the available talent. He alleviated this problem by casting two actors in one role. The female lead was played by sophomores Grace Karaffa and Linda Marazzo on alternate nights. Likewise, the role of Max Halliday was played by juniors Jeff Sica and Glenn Skarzynski.

Tony Wendice, the male lead, was portrayed by a newcomer to theatrical productions at SWMHS, John DeFilippis. Another rookie performer, Mark Scimeca, assumed the role of Inspector Hubbard. Veteran performers Bruce Mast, Adele Mongioi, and Jan Toscano rounded out the cast. Jan, the only senior in the cast, and Adele, also served as assistant directors.

A unique part of the production was the use of British accents, which caused some grief and required much effort from the cast. Ultimately, the authentic accents created an air of reality that made "Dial 'M' for Murder" a presentation among the best of recent offerings at Sayreville.

Students Promote Production

The theater-oriented club, Dramatis Personae, offered the students of SWMHS an opportunity to take part in activities related to theater and theater production.

Though their efforts were mainly concentrated in fund-raising projects, they also enjoyed taking an active part in the dramatic productions throughout the year.

Dramatis Personae handled the refreshments during the fall drama, "Dial M for Murder." They also planned to initiate a large scale publicity campaign for the spring endeavor, "Mame." The members also hoped to join with the mixed chorus in entertaining patients in nearby nursing homes.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE: *Top:* Adele Mongioi, Sue Fuoti. *Third Row:* Mr. Cunliffe, Kathy Walsh, Lori Wisniewski, Judy Kennedy, Judy Kreseski, Lynne Kowzan, Karen McGuffy, Nancy Bayus. *Second Row:* Bruce Mast, Jeanne Cassidy, Pat Grau. *Bottom:* JoAnn Samuels, Kathy Jessen, Bill Certo, Steve Paul, Gina Guerrieri.

Top Left: While Lori Wisniewski browses through a program, Angela Batista and George Karlowitz purchase tickets from Lynn Cowzan for "Dial 'M' for Murder." *Top:* Members of Dramatis Personae listen attentively to a discussion of future plans. *Above:* Club officers Judie Kreseski, Adele Mongioi and Sue Fuoti respond to a member's comment while advisor Charles Cunliffe looks on.

A Look Backstage

Top: Mrs. Todd, using her years of experience, adds the right touch of gray to Mark Scimeca. *Top Right:* Preparing for his performance, Bruce Mast used spirit gum to apply his moustache.

PAINT-N-POWDER: *Bottom:* Lori Schmidt, Heidi Weshnak, Mary Beth Dodge. *Top:* Karen Wos, Darlene Satorski, Gail Gallagher, Mrs. Todd.

The British accent in the Fall Drama, "Dial 'M' for Murder," was only one of the aspects that made the actors believable. Another major factor was provided by the Paint and Powder Club, who applied the theatrical makeup to the performers.

With guidance from advisor Mrs. Todd, members learned the techniques during a six-week period. Try-outs were then held, and the selected members, the "New Brushes," applied make-up to the cast of the drama. This makeup made such changes as the aging of face and hair colors, and hair styles for the actors. After participating in the fall production, the members earned the title "Old Brushes."

Membership in Paint and Powder required patience and time. The "New Brushes" and "Old Brushes" experimented throughout the year with various types of makeup for each play, in order to achieve the best possible effects.

Members also had to learn to cooperate with actors, directors, crew members, faculty, and each other. The members, who are so often forgotten about by the audiences, follow a tight schedule during the year. The club met every Monday night during rehearsals, and the last two weeks before a production they met six times a week.

Stage Crew Raises the Curtain

Often when people see the Fall Drama or the Spring Musical, they only see the final product. Many times, only the people involved in the productions are aware of the details that have made the production possible. Stage Crew was one group with a very important job: to see that the plays ran as smoothly as possible behind the scenes. With the help of Mr. Resh, the Stage Crew director, and Mr. Cunliffe, play director, the crew built and painted the set. They were also responsible for props, lighting, and special effects. Most important, they were responsible for the rise and fall of the curtain.

The important part they served in the plays is often forgotten about by the audience. However, they played one of the major roles in making the productions possible.

Top: Checking over last minute details for "Dial 'M' for Murder" are assistant director Jan Toscano, Adele Mongioi, and Sue Fuoti. *Top Right:* Discussing small problems of the day, Nancy Edgington and Jeryl Oberlander puzzle out a solution. *Above Right:* Phyllis D'Addio communicates with the lighting section before the start of the drama.

STAGE CREW: *Top:* Jeanne Cassidy, Sue Fuoti, Leo Walsh, Mark Bender, Charlie Mills, Don Noe, Chip Wiggins. *Second Row:* Billy Certo, Dorie Nieves, Lori Wisniewski, Theresa Muller, Debbie Jackubowski, Barb McLoughlin, Terry Zamorski. *Botton:* Karen McGuffy, Wendy Rosar, Patty Jackson, Nancy Edgington, Jeryl Oberlander, Debi Taormina, Natalie Donnelly.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY: *Bottom:* Beth Newman, Donna Pacchioli, Jackie Saltzman, Allyn Zeisler. *Second Row:* Darleen Drake, Jeanne Cassidy, Yasmin Haque, Roseanne Dandola, Jackie Coughlin, Marianne Fitzpatrick, Steve Paul. *Top:* Miss C. Kwiatkowski, Jeff Kabat, Mitch Rusay, Lisa Martens, Kathy Russo, Cheryl Rovira, Barbara Sotile, Peggy Buchman, Kim Sciarillo, Cheryl Wishney. *Top:* The SHS joins together in a candlelight ceremony commemorating the induction of its charter members in 1977. *Above Left:* Members Peggy Buchman, Darleen Drake, and Barbara Sotile increase their knowledge of Spain. *Above Right:* To develop his background in Spanish, Mitch Rusay finds the school library a good resource. *Right:* Advisor Miss Kwiatkowski discusses with officers Jackie Coughlin, Roseanne Dandola and Yasmin Haque the requirements for admission into the society.

"La Esperanza"

Recognizing outstanding students in Spanish, "La Esperanza" was instituted at SWMHS during the 1976-77 school year. The plans for the society, however, had not begun until September, 1977.

Students studying Spanish III, IV, or V were eligible for membership if they maintained an A average through third marking period.

The initiation, conducted in Spanish by the club officers, consisted of the oath of the society, the signing of the register, and receipt of the charter. The lighting of the candles symbolized the inspiration toward high ideals.

Candy sales were conducted to finance activities and a scholarship at graduation. The major activity of the society was the tutoring service at the junior high school for Spanish I and II. Instruction was provided in grammar and pronunciation by various members.

The society also submitted original stories and poetry to "Albricias," the Honor Society magazine. All the news of the SWMHS chapter was also submitted by the club's secretary, Marlene Flechner.

In March, the society sponsored a team of five members from Spanish IV and V at the National Spanish Examination. The students competed for prizes and scholarships. Applications were also available to students for travel and college scholarships.

Recognizing outstanding students in Spanish, the Spanish Honor Society hopes to promote more fluency and competitiveness among the Spanish classes at the high school level.

Festivals Galore

French Club

The goal of the 1977-78 French Club was to better acquaint students of SWMHS with the culture and customs of the country.

The members of the club prepared French foods and sang French carols at the annual Foreign Language Festival held in December. Members enjoyed joining forces with the Spanish and French Clubs in making the festival a success.

The club's major fund-raising activity was the candy sale. This candy sale provided the money used to take their annual club trip to a French restaurant in New York City.

Spanish Club

The 1977-78 school year brought new and interesting activities to the Spanish Club. The activities of this unusually large group added greatly to the school spirit.

Members wrote to Spanish pen pals, kept a scrapbook of the year's events, and sponsored "El Dia de la Raza," a Christopher Columbus Day party for the entire student body and faculty.

The Spanish Club, in conjunction with the French and German Clubs, also sponsored "Donation Day" at the A&P. This activity enabled the foreign language clubs to raise money.

This year's Spanish Club enabled students to enjoy their school life and also learn about Spanish culture.

GERMAN CLUB: *Bottom:* Mrs. Hazners, Barbara Breese, Robin Collier, Grace Karaffa, Dennis Hahn, Tracey Skarzynski, Janise Meyertons. *Top:* Andy Brereton, Linda Burgermeister, Cindy Buyofski, Ed Yin, Mickey Van Fossen, Barbara Koch, Debbie Decker, Maureen Hamma, Bill Certo, Ken Moyle. *Top Right:* Leading off the entertainment at the Foreign Language Festival, Pat Grau gives her rendition of "O Holy Night." *Top Left:* Aiding the Spanish Club with their festival contribution, Diane Van Woeart prepares a taco for a hungry student.

FRENCH CLUB: *Bottom:* Dot English, Lisa Hammer, Jackie Kaluzny, Linda Rogers, Karen McGuffey, Donna Mahn, Stephanie Maze, Paula Buczynski, Greg Devine. *Second Row:* Arline Nykvist, Michele Golla, Cindy Buyofski, Stephanie Orlowicz, Carol Martin, Stephanie Jones, Karen Businski, JoAnn Mulcahy, Pat Sears, Betty Ann English, Mrs. Parks. *Top:* Debbie Trickel, Sue Sweeney, Myrna Schiller, Lynne Kowzan, Mike Henderson, Dan Luther, Scott Kominkiewicz, Adrienne McBride, Claudia Marchesani, Chris Tomkoski, Karen Jorgensen, Cindy Cutrona. *Above:* Miss Kwiatkowski and Joe McCoy smile with satisfaction at the large response from the student body at "El Dia de la Raza."

German Club

Donating their German background to the Foreign Language Christmas Festival, this year's German Club enjoyed the final results of one of their major activities. The members, along with the other foreign language clubs, provided the singing, dancing, and refreshments for the afternoon.

Through the year, the members welcomed profits from their candy sales and "Donation Day." The members enjoyed a fine German dinner at the Hofbrau House. Early in 1978, the club received a charter from the German National Honor Society.

In the spring, the members of the club used the remaining money to go on a picnic. A $25 savings bond was also awarded at graduation to a student who displayed excellence in German.

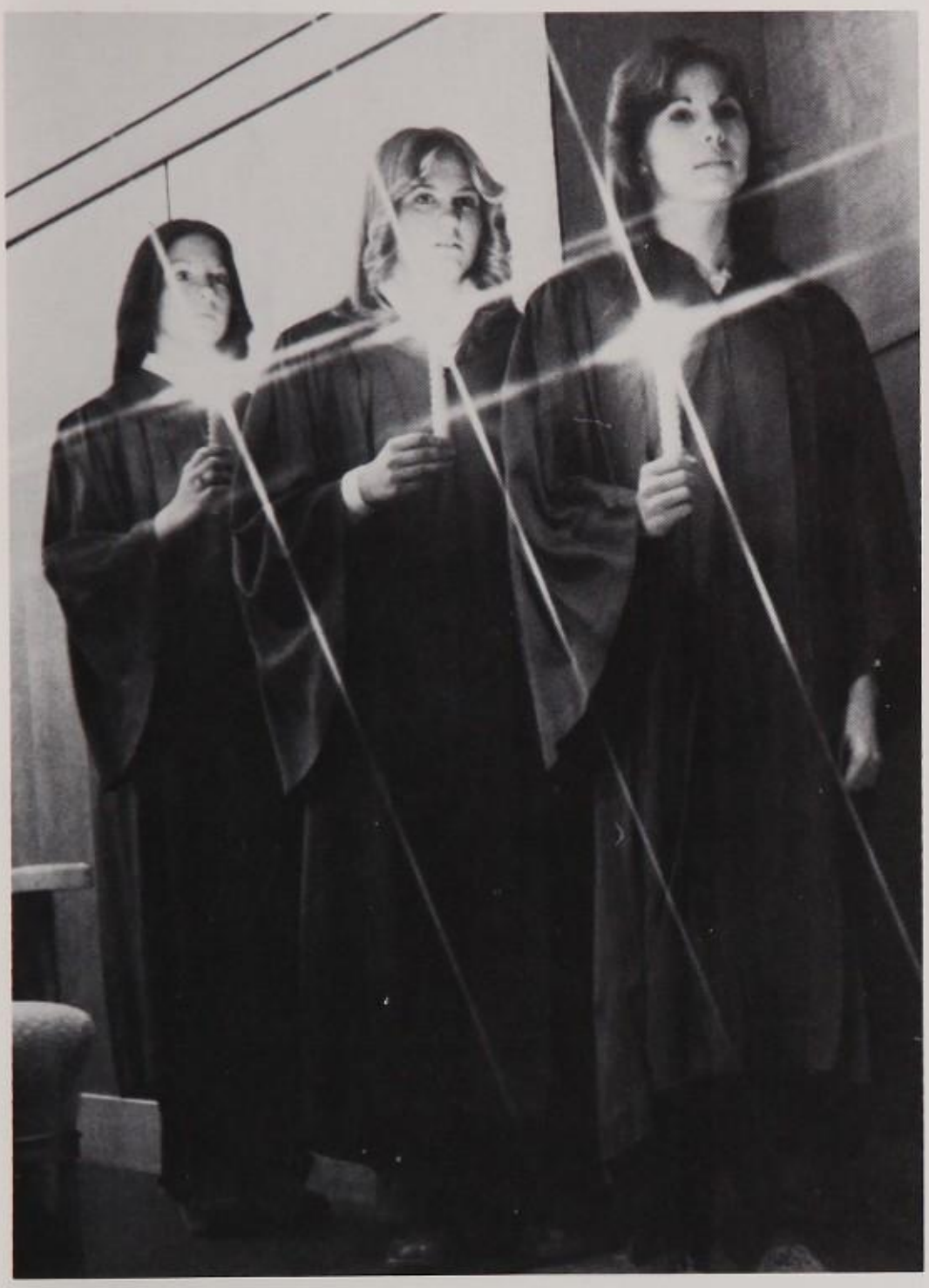
SPANISH CLUB: *Bottom:* Chris Grossman, Karen Hunnemeder, Judy Kreseski, Diane Del Guercio, Debi Taoramina, Eileen McDaval, Mary Sears, Linda Rogers, Nina Olsvary, Gloria Soto, Latitia Jarvis, Mary Lynn Sollecito. *Center:* Mrs. Ludlow, Jody Mehl, Nancy Bayus, Judy Kryzkowski, Terry Zamorski, Adele Mongioi, Maria Vaccaro, Veronica Spolowitz, Adrienne McBride, Robin Therien, Lynn Schwankert. *Top:* Joe McCoy, June Brodniak, Chriss Lapa, Nancy Jackowski, Lori Szatkowski, Diane Smierzynski, Judy Kennedy, Karen Telepan, Sue Brinkerhoff, Arline Nykvist, Debbie Colacichi, Lisa Jankech, Daryll Eck, Karen Colacichi, Mary Tauber, Dot Holliday, Sandy Forster, Liz Parkinson, Margaret Franey, Lisa Toth, Michele Szawaryn, Robin Stacy.

Top Left: Participants at the Foreign Language Festival enjoyed sampling a variety of foreign foods. *Above Left:* Several teachers took advantage of the opportunity to try a variety of foreign dishes. *Top:* While discussing plans for their Spring picnic, German Club members gather around Mrs. Hazner's desk. *Above:* During a French Club Meeting, Scott Kominkiewicz, Stephanie Jones and Lynne Kowzan read a dialogue for the other members.

Seniors elected in Junior year: *Bottom:* Pat Sears, Lillian Sadowski, Jody Mehl, Debi Grandinetti, Yasmin Haque, Judie Kreseski. *Second Row:* Stephanie Orlowicz, Donna Smith, Michelle Czachur, Mary Betzler, Lisa Martens, Nancy Billington, Mary Arnella. *Third Row:* Jay DeWorth, Roseanne Dandola, Nancy Yuhas, Peggy Buchman, Beth Callahan, Phyllis D'Addio, Gayle Grankowski, Vicki Milana. *Top:* Rich Hammer, John Syslo, John Dreyfuss, Vin Pomparelli, Joe Desfosse, Dave Kirk, John Samuel, Phil Teeter.

Top Left: With a feeling of pride, Jody Mehl explains her thoughts on scholarship, a necessary quality for membership in N.H.S. *Above Left:* Just prior to the induction, Vice-President Debi Grandinetti and Treasurer Yasmin Haque aid Miss Sowa in setting up the candles. *Left:* Completing the traditional candlelighting ceremony, Yasmin Haque lights the candle of character. *Top:* After expressing her thoughts on leadership, secretary Lillian Sadowski, lights the final candle. *Above:* While N.H.S. members look on, President Jody Mehl lights the first candle symbolizing scholarship.

A Glowing Evening



Election into the National Honor Society comes only after much hard work and dedication in school and out of school. Prospective members include juniors and seniors, who in the opinion of the faculty, demonstrate the qualities of character, service, leadership and scholarship. Junior members are confined to the top 10% of their class, while seniors are required to be in the top 15%.

This year's induction, held on March 15, included the traditional candle lighting ceremony, during which all new members were presented with the gold N.H.S. pin. The original oath of the National Honor society was also stated. The evening's entertainment was provided by Adele Mongioi, accompanied by Dennis Nowak on the piano.

Though it is felt by many people that the Honor Scoiety is not a very active organization, N.H.S. advisor, Miss Sowa, explained that all of the members are busy in many other extra curricular activities. This involvement is a quality of all N.H.S. members.

Candy sales were held during the year to provide money to award a scholarship at graduation. Some of the members also planned to assist Hand-in-Hand by donating many baked goods for the special occasion. These goods were prepared by various members after school.

The honor of being chosen as a member of the National Honor Society is one which many high school students devote so much time toward their studies and activities for.

Seniors elected in Senior Year: *Bottom:* Mitch Rusay, Wendy Ambrose, Marty Conroy, Jane Kuczynski. *Second Row:* Allyn Zeisler, Marlene Flechner, Alene Minchew, Sue DeMayo. *Top:* Natalie Donnelly, Paula Buczynski, Laura Carr.

Top: With anxiety and solemnity clearly expressed in the light of the candle, Natalie Donnelly, Sue DeMayo, and Paula Buczynski take part in the induction ceremony. *Above:* Expressing their desires to belong to the National Honor Society, members repeat the N.H.S. oath.

DECA

Unlike the other career-oriented clubs, the Distributive Education Club of America trained students in the marketing field. DECA is also centered around employment, and, because the members began working after fifth period, meetings were conducted during class. Members of the club were employed in such areas as retailing, stock, sales, and banking.

Through membership in the Distributive Ed. Club, students became familiar with the various aspects of display and the use of a cash register. All of the members had the chance to create their own display in the back of Mr. Schmeyer's class.

In May, a dinner was held for students and their employers. This was SWMHS's way of saying thank-you to the employers for cooperating with the DECA program. At the dinner, a savings bond was awarded to a student who displayed efficiency in school and on the job.

DECA: *Bottom:* Carol Bringhurst, Patty Williams, Lori Joachim, Steve Feeley, Dennis Luciano. *Second Row:* Terry Walters, Anne Kelly, Gina Eckstrom, Michele Castrorao, Phyllis D'Addio, Ron Fox, John Fitzgerald. *Third Row:* Mr. Schmeyer, Dorie Nieves, Denise Kubak, Jackie Soika, Nancy Siarniak, Patty Donlon. *Fourth Row:* Don Heimall, Doug Chance, Dennis McGuire, Don Kibbler, Craig Lehocky, Jim Parse.

Top: The officers of DECA find something humorous in business. *Center:* To add finishing touches to a bulletin, Ron Fox scrapes off excess snow. *Left:* Nancy Siarniak demonstrates to Michele Castrorao, and Phyllis D'Addio the

Clerical Office Education

Hoping to bring the senior Clerical Office Education and Secretarial Office Practice classes together, the Co-op Club was initiated this year under the guidance of advisors Mrs. Dulemba and Mrs. Halenar.

In an effort to work around the job schedules of its members, the club began meeting during fifth period. The 50 members went to work selling candy in order to pay for the annual banquet given for the members and their employers.

As part of the program, the students began work after fifth period in large companies, hospitals, and private businesses.

The employers were awarded certificates of appreciation at the banquet. The students were also awarded certificates, as well as experience and their paychecks during the year. The success of this program and the club was attributed to the positive responses from the employers.

Future Business Leaders

Under the helpful guidance of advisor Miss Turowski, the officers of the Future Business Leaders of America ran weekly meetings according to parliamentary procedures, and discussed committee reports as well as club matters. Members of this club tested their business skills by competing in the F.B.L.A. Regional Business Contests.

At Christmas time, members presented the residents of the Oak View Nursing Home with gifts and entertainment.

March 27 was designated as Career Day for the club. Participants spent the day visiting area offices, and had the opportunity to experience the daily routines of secretarial work.

CO-OP: *Bottom:* Gayle Grankowski, Shirley Wojcik, Jody Mehl, Pat Nerbetski, Michele Maserik, Pat O'Brien. *Second Row:* Mrs. Dulemba, Mrs. Halenar, Laura Anderson, Patty Kohrmann, Carol Izworski, Mary Ann Nowicki, Marta Martin, Janet Seaman, Laura Carr. *Third Row:* Kathie Jones, Anita Shorosky, Cindy Kosmoski, Arlene Drwal, JoAnn Poweski, Marilyn Turner, Karen DeVoe. *Top:* Anne Kelly, Diane Garnett, Lois Balon, Diane Bechtle, Lori Nahai, Pat Moore, Chris Herman, Mary Ann Oktrowski, Todd Regelski, Donna Stawinski, Lillian Sadowski, Sandy Merlo.

FBLA: *Bottom:* Cindy Izworski, Judy Amato. *Center:* Miss Turowski, Dot English, JoAnn Pondo, Mary Ann Ziemba, Fran Castronava. *Top:* Betty English, Jackie Pagluico.

Top Left: In an effort to raise money for FBLA, Cindy Izworski gladly makes change for Mary Jany Briody. *Center:* FBLA members sort out candy to be sold during the month of February. *Top Right:* Mary Ann Ziemba and Miss Turowski discuss plans for Career Day prior to a weekly meeting.

Future Secretaries

As one of the largest future career clubs, Future Secretaries of America familiarizes its members with various secretarial duties. Guest speakers were often invited to address members at monthly meetings. Two such speakers, Mrs. Denise Carbone and Miss Mary Ellen Roche, discussed such topics as available openings in specific job areas and preparation for a first job. The group attended a series of seminars at the Ramada Inn. At the April 24 seminar, members presented a skit entitled, "It Shouldn't Happen to a Boss." These meetings were conducted by secretaries, and gave members the chance to get first-hand information about work conditions.

Chess Club

The main goal of the 1977-78 Chess Club was to raise enough money for the purchase of a chess computer. This computer would record any moves made in a game, enabling the player to better understand his moves and mistakes.

The Chess Club helped students learn the strategy, tactics and concentration of the game. Throughout the year, members practiced and became familiar with each other's diverse techniques. The club sold candy during the year in order to buy prizes for the chess tournament held in April.

Above: As Dave Singer and Billy Certo watch intently, Karen DiBenidetto and Jamie Helms concentrate on their next move.

Top: FSA members Carol Gaul and Betty Ann Wolf practice their business skills. CHESS CLUB: *Bottom:* Billy Certo, Arline Nykvist, Cheryl Rovira, Phil DeSpirito, Dave Singer, Jeff Miller. *Center:* Nancy Bayus, Karen DiBenedetto, Jamie Heims, Bob Rolzhausen, Rich Ferenci, Keith Antonides, Mr. Cunliffe. *Top:* Bob Rohlhausen. FSA: Judy Amato, Mrs. Barnard, Laura Shabatun, Barbara Sotile, Carol Gaul, Lisa Hammer, Gerri Zuccaro, Mary Ann Kierst, Kathy Quigley, Sue Poweski, Betty Ann Wolf, Linda Hammer, Mary Ann Ziemba, Chris Jourdan, Cindy Izworski, Joyce Roman, Lori Schmidt.

Future Nurses

Although in their first year in existence, the Future Nurses of America became very popular and successful. By attending bi-monthly meetings, the FNA learned more about their future career through informative speakers and films. A speaker from St. Peter's School of Nursing gave a lecture about the degrees available in nursing at their school. The future nurses were also offered a tour at St. Peter's School of Nursing. Most members also gained knowledge by working at local hospitals as volunteers.

The club was proud of its members who received pins and certificates through their volunteer hours.

The FNA also conducted cake and candy sales which were very successful. The profits from these sales were used for nursing scholarships. The members also made gifts for children in local hospitals and sent get well cards to bedside students.

Future Teachers

With the number of job openings in the teaching field rapidly diminishing it has become necessary for the student interested in teaching to develop the motivation needed to become successful. The Future Teachers of America Club gave its members a chance to test this ambition by giving them the opportunity to work in a classroom situation. This was achieved through tutoring in local elementary schools.

Monthly meetings enabled members to share, discuss, and solve tutoring problems they faced. A scholarship was awarded at graduation as an incentive to an active member to continue to strive towards their goal.

F.N.A.: *Bottom:* Mary Heussner, Mary Jane Briody, Teri Kraivec, Karen Brent. *Top:* Mrs. Albanir, Wendy Ambrose, Betty Ann English, Dot English, Lisa Jankech, Mary Odolecki, Debbie Davis.

Top: Practicing her future teaching skills, Jamie Heims discusses some careers in teaching with her "class." *Center:* While paging through a health career book, members of F.N.A. find a page amusing.

F.T.A.: *Bottom:* Robin Armus, Pat Sears, Alice Coakley. *Second Row:* Jamie Heims, Joanne Szczepanik, Mary Sears, John Barbella, Mrs. Coppinger. *Top:* Dot Holliday, Audrey Karmin, Debbie Colacichi, Donna Gizzi.

Library Council

Every day throughout the year, members of the Library Council could be found assisting Mrs. Simko in the library during homeroom and during any free time they had during the day. The members, who all happen to have been girls, helped with the daily library duties, such as replacing books and finding magazines in the resource room. Other members added their artistic touches by decorating the bulletin boards or putting up the monthly calendar.

Though activities were minimal this year, the Library Council did sponsor candy sales and bake sales. The proceeds from the fund-raisers were used for the Broadway play the members saw in May.

Above: Along with their everyday librarian duties, Sue Kwiatkowski and Sue Eisenburger are also responsible for decorating the library. *Top Right:* Working after school, Mary Ann Ziemba, Eileen Goldkopf, and Laurie Lasky, return all the books to their proper shelves. *Above Right:* During their study halls, Karen Hudak, Peggy Neilson, and Marilyn Ghigliotti refile magazines in the resource room.

LIBRARY COUNCIL: *Bottom:* Joanne Szozepanik, Kathy Walsh, Sue Eisenberger, Sue Kwiatkowski, Mary Anne Ziemba, Kathy Fazekas, Laurie Lasky. *Top:* Mrs. Simko, Marilyn Ghigliotti, Shelly Pickus, Sue Firestine, Ilene Goldkopf, Diane Smierznski, Karen Edgington, Betty Wolf, Karen Hudak, Peggy Neilson, Pat Reese.

Resuci-Annie Aids Members

BIOLOGY CLUB: *Bottom:* Beth Newman, Alene Minchew, Donna Smith, Deb Grandinetti, Mrs. Romano. *Second Row:* Nina Worobey, Janise Meyertons, Robin Patella, Peggy Buchman, Debbie Trickel. *Top:* Tom Simanek, JoAnn Samuels, Debbie Golaszewski, Cathy DeVries, Cheryl Rovira, Sue Sweeney.

Top: The Heimlich maneuver is demonstrated by members of the Morgan First Aid Squad at a seminar presented by the Biology Club. *Above:* Peggy Buchman looks on as Robin Patella smoothes the paper and Debbie Golaszewski gives it a clean edge. *Right:* Adding water to get the right consistency, Janice Meyertons and Stephenie Jones prepare to recycle paper.

Rosalyn Carter wasn't the only American to give Resuci-Annie a bear hug this year.

At the biology club's request, four members of the Morgan Rescue Squad held a seminar in the high school's cafeteria during the latter part of November. Giving their audience updated information on the most modern first aid techniques, they used Resuci-Annie extensively during the demonstration. The seminar, which touched upon everything from choking to cardiac arrest, was open to all faculty members and students.

Club advisor Mrs. Romano was as impressed as the club officers. "It worked out really well," remarked President Deb Grandinetti. "We discussed the idea as a possibility during one of the meetings. But it was Cathy deVries and Debbie Trickle who suggested the speaker. They took care of contacting them and setting up the date. They both deserve a lot of credit for its success."

Using the proceeds from a Halloween Bake Sale, the Biology Club expressed gratitude in the form of a $25 donation to the Morgan Rescue Squad. The bake sale itself was novel, featuring a few "all natural" baked goods as a nutritious alternative. The response was fairly good, Secretary Yasmin Haque felt, but, "it could have used more publicity" to make more students aware of it.

The pre-Christmas season was especially busy. Treasurer Alene Minchew, Vice-President Donna Smith, and members Peg Buchman and Robin Patella gave the most enthusiastic support to the club's candy drive, the proceeds of which go into the Biology club's $100 scholarship fund. The construction of the traditional wreath followed, taking place during the December meeting.

Biology club members also maintained a "science in the news" bulletin board which was kept up to date and enjoyed a paper recycling demonstration given by Janise Meyertons.

Aluminum for Recycling

ECOLOGY CLUB: Mrs. Mackin, Fred Leppig, Tom Simanek, Alice Coakley, Pat Sears, Lisa Martens, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Carolyn Donnamaria.

Top: While other members gathered snow for an environmental experiment, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Alice Coakley, and Fred Leppig take time out for a snowball fight. *Center:* Ecology Club President, Lisa Martens works on plans for the future.

Although the interest in ecology has leveled off since the 1960's, a few Sayreville students, members of the high schools's Ecology Club, have maintained a strong interest in the environment. Especially concerned with the scarcity of resources, the club's major effort went towards the collection of aluminum for recycling.

Ecology Club members, disturbed by the apathetic attitude of the student body, decided to create a display. Designed to promote student interest in ecology, the educational display was showcased during the month of April. Preparations for the annual Spring Art Fair also began in April. Club members cultivated seedlings and prepared macrame plant hangers for sale at the fair.

The proceeds from this sale, and from various other fund-raisers that took place during the year financed the Ecology Club's field trip. They visited Duke Gardens, a well-known attraction in Somerville, New Jersey.

Working together with Mrs. Mackin, Darleen Drake begins to ti
up the cans collected by the Ecology Club.

Math Club Revived — Better Than Ever

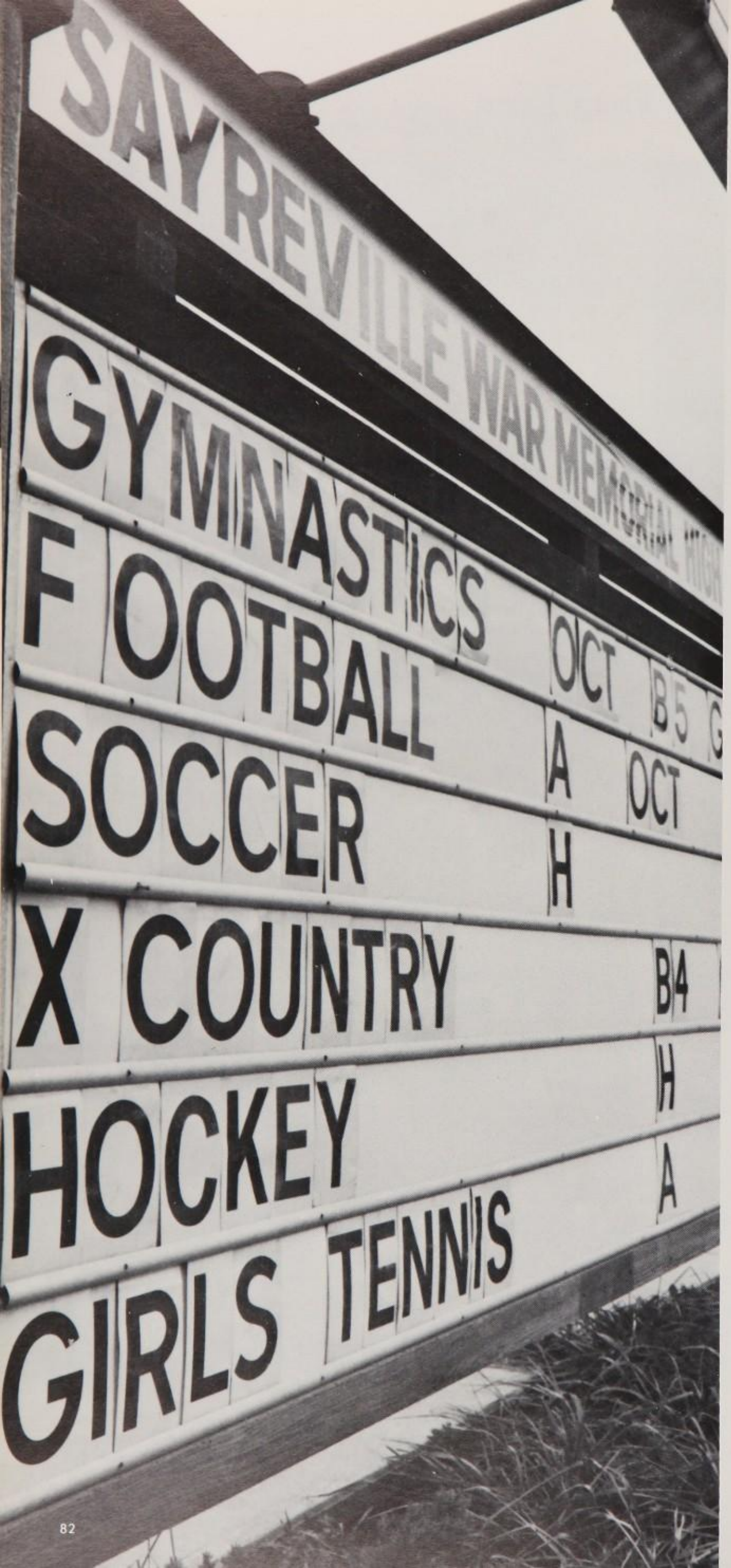
Dropped four or five years ago due to lack of student interest, the Math Club was revived this year largely through the efforts of advisor Barbara Kolojay. According to club President, Arline Nykvist, the idea met with a lot of student enthusiasm. The club boasted a membership of 25 students, with approximately 18 considered active members.

Meeting at least twice monthly, the group devoted some of that time to going over math strategies. Once a month, club members competed with students from other schools on both the county and state levels. The tests were mailed to all participating schools, Ms. Kolojay said, and explained that all proctors were "on an honor system" not to assist students in any way. Three SWMHS juniors, Dennis Nowak, John Klein, and Arline Nykvist, consistently achieved high scores.

Independent of the club, Jack Godowski, Judie Kreseski, and Don Noe participated in a math competition held for seniors at Paterson College. Although they did not place, they enjoyed the experience and felt it was worthwhile. Apparently, the time was right for Ms. Kolojay to see the need for this club, and to make this revision.

MATH CLUB: *Top:* Ms. Kolojay, John Klein, Dennis Hahn, Rich Ferenci, Phil DeSpirito, Pam Sadowski, Debbie Decker, Nina Worobey, Paula Buczynski, Judie Kreseski. *Bottom:* Nancy Edgington, Karen DiBenedetto, John Godowski, Arline Nykvist, Linda Burgermeister, Natalie Donnelly.

Top Left: Paula Buczynski anxiously awaits John Godowski's proof in order to determine her final score. *Above Left:* Math Club members Phil DeSpirito, Rich Ferenci, Dennis Hahn, Nancy Edgington, and Linda Burgermeister work together to find the solution to a difficult problem. *Above:* During a meeting, Debbie Decker and Nina Worobey seek assistance from Miss Kolojay.



It is through the variety of athletic programs available at SWMHS that the students grow and mature, as they experience the victory and defeat of their team. Students' participation enables them to learn the value of good sportsmanship toward their own teammates as well as others.

A combination of skill, talent and consistent practice are woven together to develop the student into an experienced, well-balanced athlete.

Sports offers all players the chance to express themselves in a unique, personal way. Whether superstars or just members of the team, they play a vital part in the formation and success of the group.

Unfortunately, the spectators only see the final result of many months of hard practice. The players and runners themselves must take the pain with the glory, and somehow make it all worthwhile. They have to set goals for themselves, as well as for their team, and work to achieve and excel beyond them.

Athletics

Varsity Football

SWMHS	0	East Brunswick	35
SWMHS	6	Perth Amboy	18
SWMHS	0	Cedar Ridge	13
SWMHS	7	Madison Twp.	27
SWMHS	7	JP Stevens	47
SWMHS	7	South River	51
SWMHS	0	JF Kennedy	42
SWMHS	0	Edison	22
SWMHS	0	Carteret	13

Final Record 0-9

Top: Quarterback Kevin Shanley drops back to throw a long bomb. *Top Right:* Receiving the kickoff, Rich Simnor hesitates as his teammates prepare to block. *Above Right:* After receiving the hand off, John Fitzgerald dodges his opponents to gain yardage.

VARSITY FOOTBALL — *Bottom:* John DeMild, John Dekanski, John Dreyfuss, Dave Kirk, Dean Unkel, Steve Smierzynski, Scott Kominkiewicz, Andy Sabine, Rocco O'Antuono. *Second Row:* Bob Cuomo, John Mytnik, Rich Nicorvo, Bob Tkatch, Tom O'Leary, George Gulick, Rich Simnor, Brian Tkatch, Coach Larry Helwig. *Third Row:* Head Coach Hank Krupinski, John Sislo, Ed Weber, Gary Krolik, Eugene Hauber, John Deryn, Bob Holmes, John Coyle, Mark Jones, Jim Fitzgerald, Coach Steve Bandola. *Fourth Row:* Joe Antone, Dennis McGuire, Rich McNerny, Jim Weber, Jeff Kosobucki, Bob Brand, John Fitzgerald, John Devlin. *Top:* Kevin Shanley, Steve Pelszynski, Bill Wrubel, Vin Servido, Ted Zentek, Ken Spiecker. *Above Right:* Coach Hank Krupinski.

Season Ends in Controversy

Disappointment, anguish, and frustration played a major part in the Varsity Football season. Though the individual players were good, the team only managed to record a 0-9 log.

Led by team captains Dennis McGuire, Ed Weber and Steve Pelszynski, the team struggled throughout the season to overcome the opposing forces.

Underclassmen also proved to be a major part of the team. Juniors Vin Servedio and Gary Krolik, and sophomores Kevin Shanley and Steve Condoracci, all added their skill to the team. Gary Krolik was marked as "the best all-around lineman" by Coach Krupinski.

Injuries also played their part in the discouraging season. Both John Pitti and Steve Condoracci were out for a good part of the season due to knee injuries.

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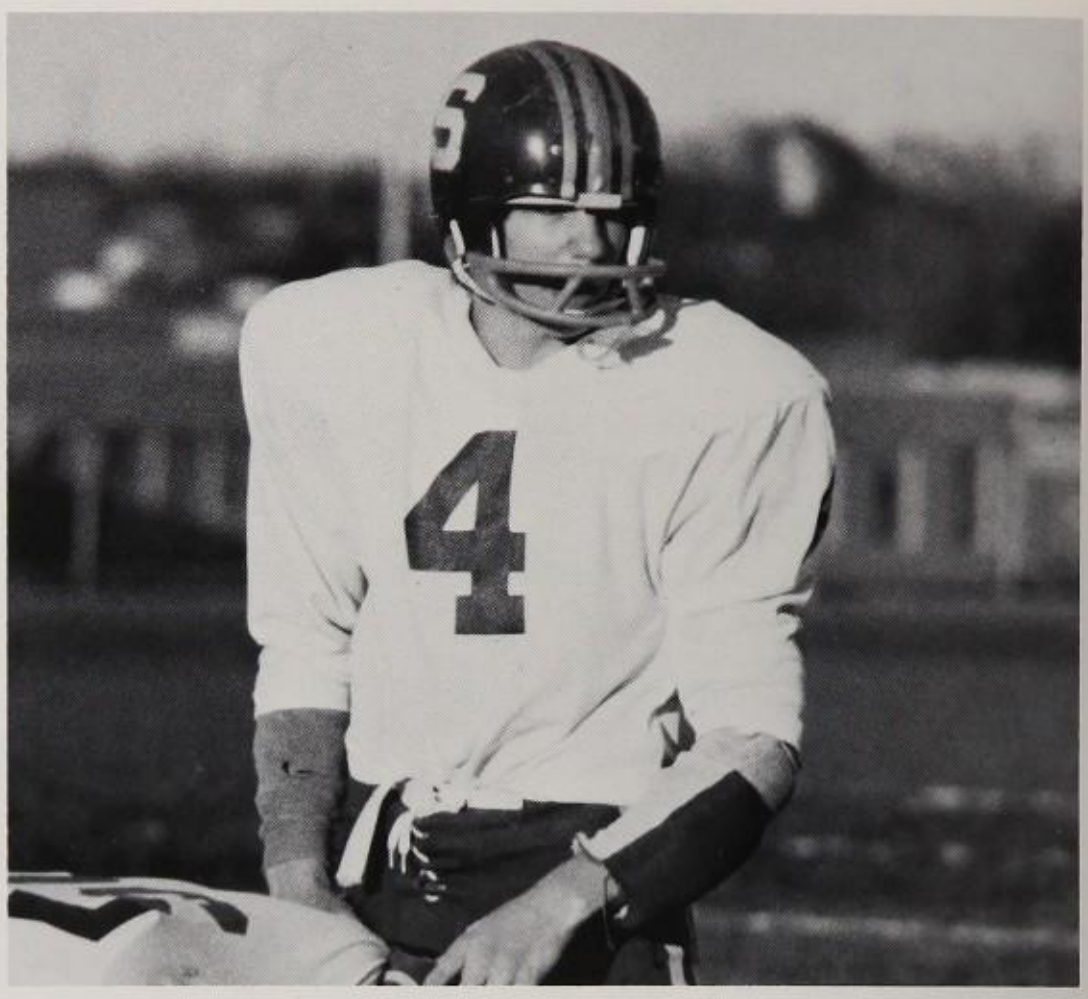
A great, yet brief controversy erupted as a result of the losing season. In November some community members began to question the 12:09 dismissal for seniors. The opportunity to leave school early and secure after school jobs was thought to be interferring with the number of boys trying out for the team. An open board of education meeting was held on December 7 and all opinions were voiced. After open debate, those in attendance left the meeting feeling relatively sure that the 12:09 dismissal would continue.

Top Left: Bob Brand accurately punts the ball away from a South River opponent. *Above Left:* In an effort to gain yardage, A. Jay Sabine changes direction. *Left:* After receiving a pass, Vin Servedio gains more yardage toward the touchdown. *Above:* Gary Krolik takes a breather in between plays.

Inexperience Dampens Season



Winding up the season with a 1-4-0 log, Coach Helwig, the JV Football coach feels the season was a success because, "Everyone got to play." He also stated, "Defense was one of our stronger points."

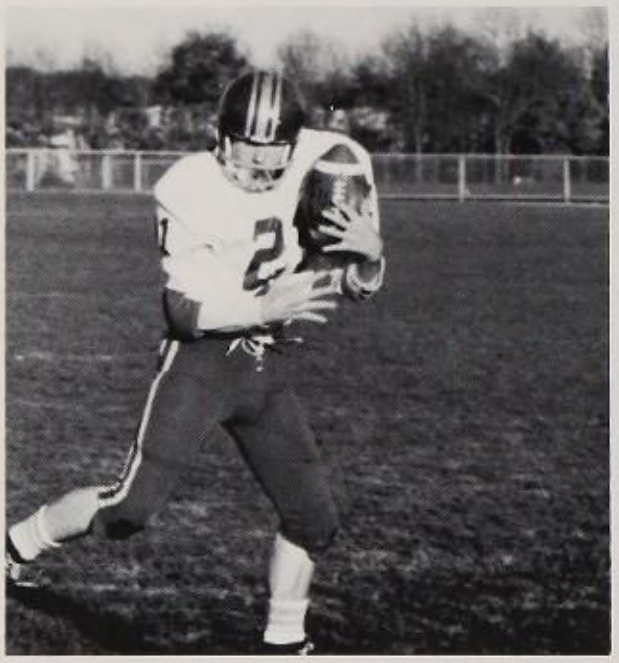
Defensively the squad relied on junior tackle Mark Jones, and a good linebacking job from junior John DeMild. The offense was led by junior quarterback Jim Weber and sophomore running back A. Jay Sabine, who gained the most yardage for the JV team. At left and right tackles were juniors George Gulick and Bob Cuomo who did an impressive job all season long.

Posting the only win among all three football teams, the JV's were rained out on four dates, preventing them from improving their record.

JV Football

SWMHS	6	East Brunswick	12
SWMHS	6	Cedar Ridge	0
SWMHS	6	Madison Central	14
SWMHS	8	JF Kennedy	21
SWMHS	0	Carteret	16

Final Record 1-4



Top Right: Getting ready for the snap, JV quarterback Jim Weber calls the play. *Above Right:* Darting his opponents, A. Jay Sabine tries to complete a first down. *Above Far Right:* While intercepting a pass, Jim Fitzgerald gives the Bombers another chance for a touchdown.

JV FOOTBALL — *Bottom:* A. Jay Sabine, Steve Smierzynski, Coach Larry Helwig, Coach Steve Bandola, Bob Flanagan, Jim Fitzgerald. *Second Row:* John DeMild, Jim Weber, George Gulick, Bill Wrubel, Scott Kominkiewicz. *Top:* Bob Cuomo, Tom O'Leary, Mark Jones, John Devlin, Brian Tkatch, George Totin, Eugene Hauber.

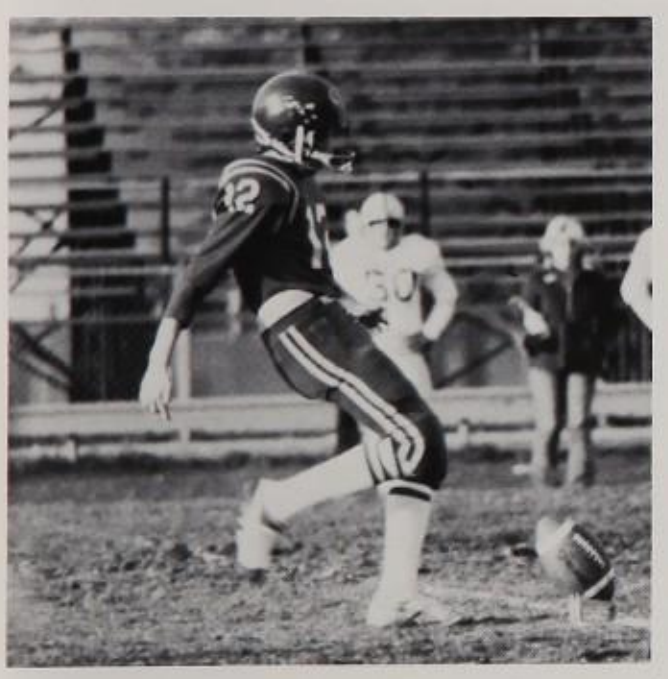
Sophs Gain Varsity Experience

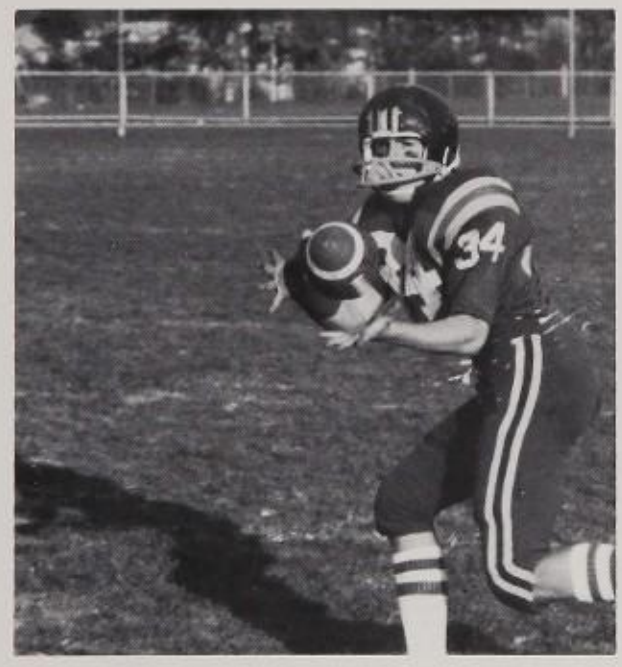
Take a look at the 0-6 record of the Sophomore Football Team and it comes out unsuccessful. But take into consideration the fact that five sophomores moved up to Varsity level, and although no games were won, most players gained experience playing offensive and/or defensive positions, and the statistics gain a new perspective.

Mark Ryan, the team's captain, who played both the noseguard and linebacker positions, "was a key blocker and one of the best linemen on the sophomore team," Coach Wallace commented. Ryan led the team in tackles, averaging six per game and consistently harrassed the opposing quarterback and halfbacks.

An example of the team's determination was evident in a bout with a tough Colonia team. Trailing by three touchdowns at the half, the sophomores fought hard to catch up, but to no avail. They were defeated by a score of 33-16.

Although the team posted no wins, they showed growing improvement and new hope for the JV and Varsity teams.





SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL — *Bottom:* Mark Powell, Mike McKeon, Jeff Jedrusiak, Mark Ryan, Dale Buchberger, Danny Badea, Jim Hauser. *Top:* Joe Cipriano, Leo Walsh, Vinnie Schicchi, Mike Vaccaro, Frank Redding, Coach Larry Wallace.

Sophomore Football

SWMHS	0	Perth Amboy	36
SWMHS	0	JP Stevens	25
SWMHS	0	Piscataway	40
SWMHS	0	East Brunswick	18
SWMHS	16	Colonia	33
SWMHS	0	JF Kennedy	23

Final Record 0-6

Top Left: Mark Ryan and Dale Buchberger contemplate on their next strategy. *Above Far Left:* In perfect formation, Dale Buchberger prepares for a kick-off punt. *Above Left:* Sophomore Glenn Soika successfully catches a pass to score a touchdown.

Boys' Cross Country

SWMHS	13th	Edison Invt.	
SWMHS	35	Colonia	21
SWMHS	20	Perth Amboy	40
SWMHS	15	South River	46
SWMHS	8th	Shore Invt.	
SWMHS	41	JP Stevens	15
SWMHS	29	Cedar Ridge	26
SWMHS	10th	Bernard's Invt.	
SWMHS	41	East Brunswick	17
SWMHS	39	JF Kennedy	17
SWMHS	21	New Brunswick	36
SWMHS	21	Highland Park	34
SWMHS	18	Carteret	43
SWMHS	43	Edison	16
SWMHS	15	S.A. St. Mary's	45
SWMHS	14th	County Championship	
SWMHS	30	Madison Central	23
SWMHS	16th	State Sectional	

Final Record 6-7

Above: Determined to gain a record breaking time, Garry Wolf and John Koblos concentrate on completing a rough course. *Above Right:* Senior Tom Barbieri increases his pace to broaden his lead.

As he sprints the last stretch of the course, junior Eric Veit feels satisfied about the race he has just run.

Top: Coach Lou Carcich. *Above:* Endurance and strength show on the face of Harry McGowan as he nears the finish line.

Veit Sets School Record

Injuries proved to be the major factor in determining the outcome of the Boys' Cross Country season. "The injuries cut into the squad's depth," stated Coach Carcich, "and, therefore, did not allow the team to run up to full potential." The team ended their season with a discouraging 6-7 record.

Setting the pace for this year's team was junior Eric Veit, who suffered most of the season with a pulled hamstring muscle. Eric placed 18th in the Edison Invitational and, in addition, holds the school record for the home course with a time of 16 minutes, 33 seconds.

Senior Tom Barbieri and sophomore Mike Beatrice alternately substituted for Dan Luther, who was out part of the season due to a knee strain.

Coach Carcich feels that his young team gained valuable experience needed for success in future seasons.

Top Left: Overcome with exhaustion John Klein finds a secluded spot where he can catch his breath. *Above Left:* BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY — *Bottom:* Harry McGowan, John Klein, Gary Wolf, Mike Beatrice. *Top:* Eric Veit, Dan Luther, Tom Barbieri, Charlie Klauder, John Koblos. *Left:* Anticipating the sound of the gun, the runners concentrate on the course ahead. *Above:* Junior Charlie Klauder watches as his teammates complete the last leg of the race.

Runner and Coach Win Top Honors

Girls' Cross Country

SWMHS	15	Woodbridge	45
SWMHS	19	Colonia	39
SWMHS	21	Perth Amboy	36
SWMHS	23	Cedar Ridge	34
SWMHS	2nd	Spotswood	
SWMHS	5th	Bernard's Invitational	
SWMHS	26	East Brunswick	29
SWMHS	23	JF Kennedy	32
SWMHS	15	New Brunswick	50
SWMHS	16	Carteret	47
SWMHS	6th	Ridgewood Invitational	
SWMHS	2nd	County Meet	
SWMHS	3rd	Central Jersey Group 4	
SWMHS	6th	State Group 4	

Final Record 8-0

Top: Setting the pace for the team, Mary Jane Briody and Karen Brent lead the way. *Above Right:* At the end of a rough course, Mary Heussner heads for the finish line. *Top Right:* Looking with uncertainty, Madelyn Noe anticipates a close finish.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY — *Bottom:* Coach Bob Piotrowski, Mary Jane Briody, Madelyn Noe, Michelle Petrozzi, Terry Petrozzi. *Second Row:* Jeanne Cassidy, Karen Brent, Tracy Tierney, Pam Lichtenstein, Cheryl Nelson, Elise Green. *Top:* Ellen Briody, Amy Brent, Mary Heussner, Kathy Russo, Lisa Cypra, Justine Fuller.

Top: Coach Bob Piotrowski. *Above:* Top JV runner Pam Lichtenstein competes against a tough course.

First Year Team Undefeated

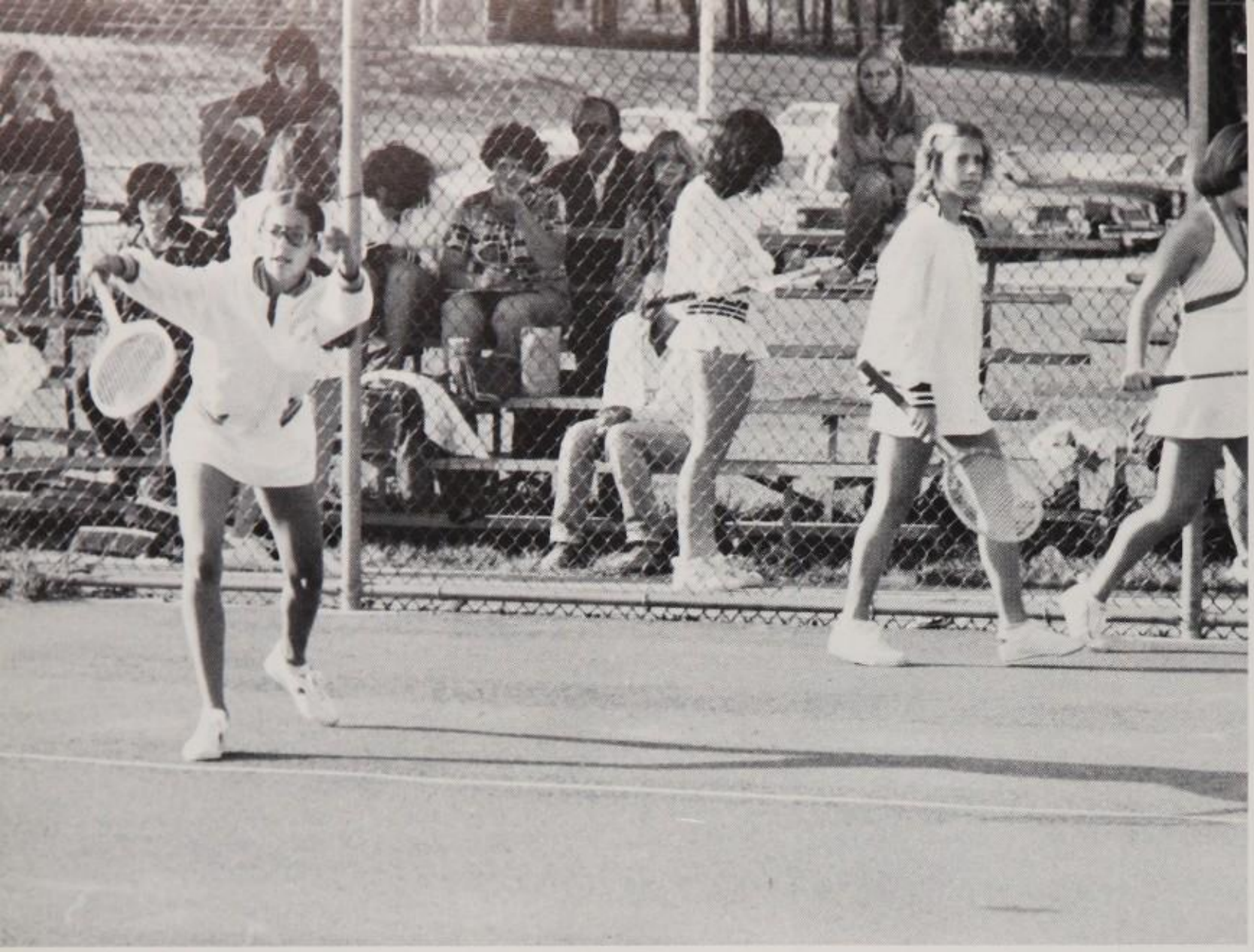
Tension was mounting. Sayreville runners took their place along side undefeated opponents J.F.K. and East Brunswick, well aware that this meet would knock two of the teams off the top of the heap. Determined to survive as the #1 team, the runners knew with competition this fierce, just one teammate or one bad break could be the deciding factor.

Then, shortly after the gun sounded, it happened. Freshman Ellen Briody, the team's third best runner, was knocked to the ground and unable to finish the race. The accident looked as if it would cost Sayreville the meet, yet the first year squad refused to let up, their determination driving them past top notch opponents. Eighteen minutes, fifty-five seconds after the sound of the gun, Mary Jane Briody crossed the finish line. Minutes later, Sayreville deservedly emerged as the winner, defeating East Brunswick 26-29 and J.F.K. 23-32.

It was this combination of talent and aggressiveness that overcame the obstacles usually faced by a first year team. The 8-0 record, a rare accomplishment for a first year team, should also be credited to outstanding juniors Karen Brent, Kathy Russo, Mary Heussner and Madelyn Noe, who consistently placed second for Sayreville. Working with the Boys' team last year gave the girls immeasurable experience, which they took one step further to achieve their perfect season. Their efforts eventually earned them a 2nd place in the County, and a 3rd place in the Central Jersey Group 4 meet.

The highlight of the season was the success that Mary Jane Briody enjoyed as she placed 1st in 7 out of 8 dual meets. Her outstanding performance led to an invitation to compete in the A.A.U. meet held in California on November 26, and her being named to the All County Cross Country Team. An additional honor came to Coach Robert Piotrowski when he was named Coach of the Year by the Middlesex County Coaches Association.

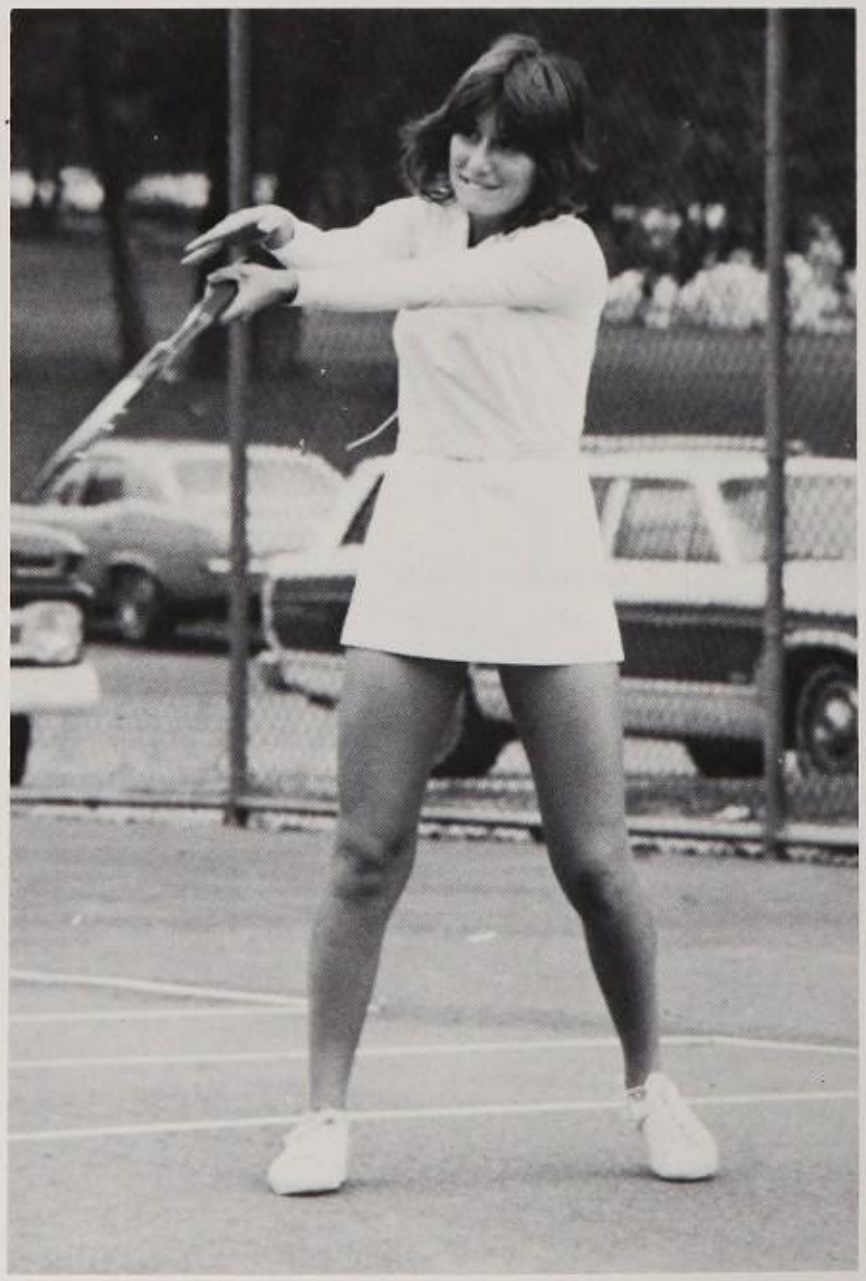
Top Left: Joining forces to defeat the opposing team, Amy Brent and Pam Lichtenstein strive for record-breaking times. *Above Left:* The determination of the Girls' Cross Country team is evident even before the sound of the gun. *Left:* With a burst of energy, Kathy Russo crosses the finish line.



Girls' Tennis

SWMHS	4	Perth Amboy	1
SWMHS	3	Cedar Ridge	2
SWMHS	2	JF Kennedy	3
SWMHS	0	North Brunswick	5
SWMHS	5	Carteret	0
SWMHS	3	Edison	0
SWMHS	5	South River	0
SWMHS	2	East Brunswick	3
SWMHS	3	JP Stevens	2
SWMHS	2	Woodbridge	3
SWMHS	3	Colonia	2
SWMHS	5	Perth Amboy	0
SWMHS	3	S.A. St. Mary's	2
SWMHS	4	Madison Central	1
SWMHS	4	Cedar Ridge	1
SWMHS	3	Hunterdon Central (States)	2
SWMHS	4	Madison Central	1
SWMHS	1	Middletown North (States)	4
SWMHS	5	Edison	0
SWMHS	3	South River	2
SWMHS	4	East Brunswick (County)	1
SWMHS	2	Woodbridge	3
SWMHS	2	JP Stevens (County)	3
SWMHS	3	JF Kennedy	2
SWMHS	4	Carteret	1
SWMHS	3	East Brunswick	2
SWMHS	2	Colonia	3
SWMHS	2	JP Stevens	3

Final Record 19-9

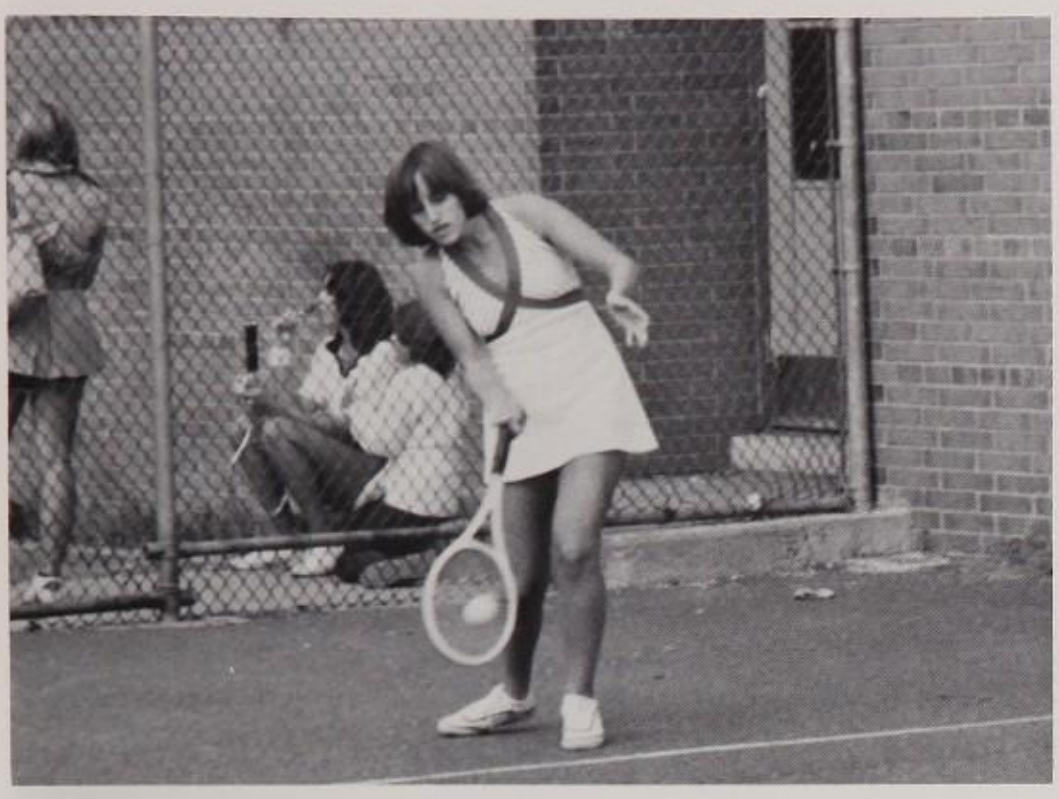


Top: With style and grace, Beth Newman perfects her backhand while Dawn Sutter and Jackie Saltzman proceed to their own match. *Top Right:* Dawn Locklin returns a tough volley.

Junior Team captain Karen Frezzi shows what it takes to be a good 2nd singles player.

Top: Coach Sue Maurer. *Above:* Concentrating on her forehand. Chris Silletti completes the volley.

Veterans Lead Team to MCAC Tourney



"Excellent" was the word Coach Susan Maurer used to describe the Girls' Tennis season.

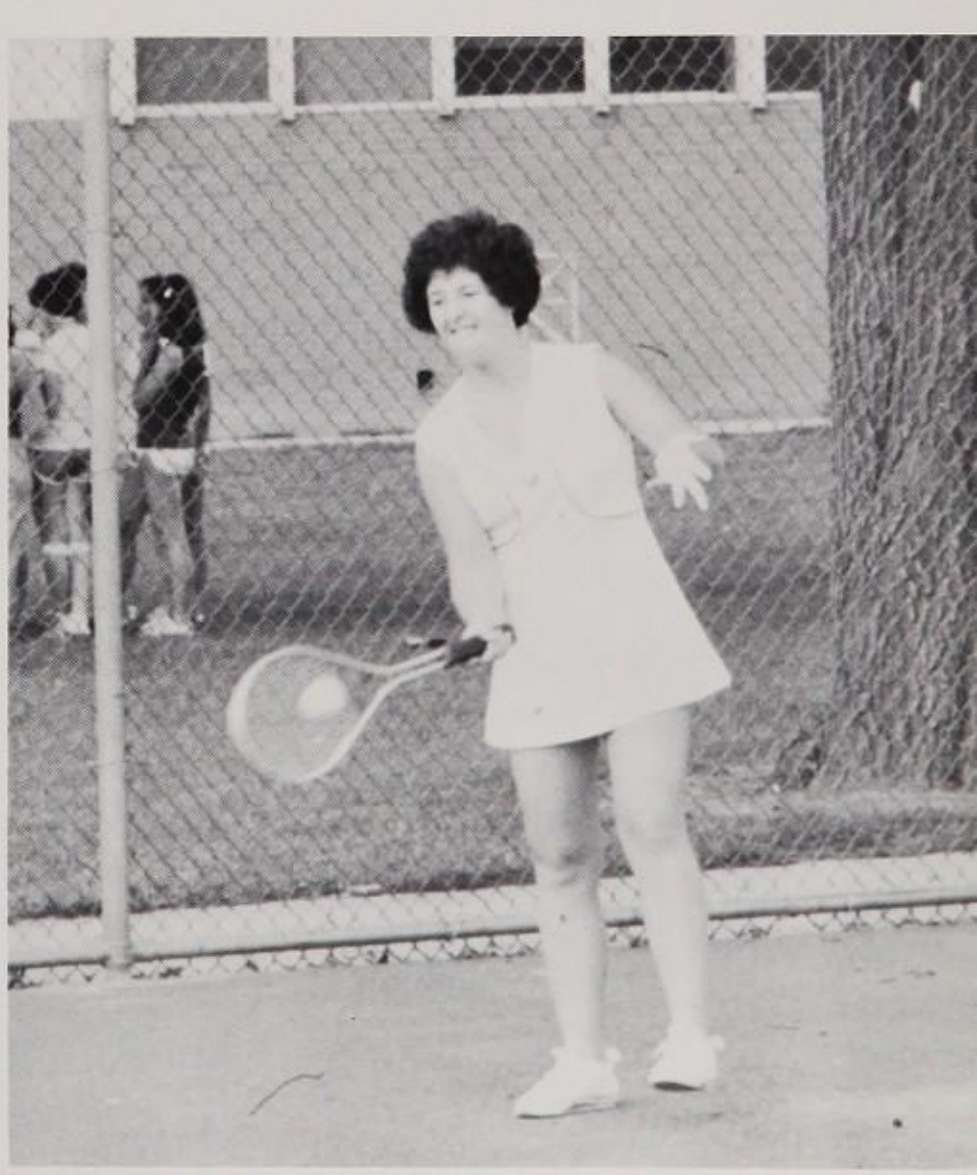
The success of the season was a result of the talent and experience of each player on the team.

Under the leadership of team captain, junior Karen Frezzi, playing 2nd singles, the team proved its ability by ending the season with a 19-9 record.

Three year veteran, senior Sue Eisenberger displayed her talent and skill again this year, playing 1st singles and accumulating a personal season record of 15-11.

Karen and Sue were joined by juniors Mary Lynn Sollecito, Beth Newman and Debbie Mannell playing 3rd singles and 1st doubles respectively and junior Sue Zabicki and sophomore Kathy Romer playing 2nd doubles to complete the starting line-up.

The team marked the win against undefeated J.P. Stevens as the key match of the season, defeating them 3-2. They proceeded to achieve a spot in the list of teams competing for the MCAC title, but were ironically defeated by J.P. Stevens by a score of 3-2.



Top Left: Perfecting her forehand, Jackie Saltzman hits the ball to her opponent. *Above Left:* VARSITY TENNIS TEAM — *Bottom:* Kathy Romer, Mary Lynn Sollecito, Karyn Frezzi, Dawn Sutter. *Top:* Coach Sue Maurer, Chris Silletti, Debbie Mannell, Dawn Locklin, Jackie Saltzman, Sue Eisenberger, Sue Zabicki, Beth Newman, Judy Kennedy, Lori Mehl. *Left:* Unsure at first, Mary Lynn Sollecito successfully completes her forehand swing. *Above:* With an intense expression, Sue Eisenberger returns her opponent's volley.

Boys' Gymnastics

SWMHS	63.9	Raritan	103.0
SWMHS	68.6	Franklin	62.0
SWMHS	69.2	Madison	76.35
SWMHS	70.6	Wall Twp.	100.0
SWMHS	76.35	Monmouth	81.33
SWMHS	72.95	Columbia	98.45
SWMHS	76.95	Cedar Ridge	73.1
SWMHS	77.7	Middletown No.	75.1
SWMHS	79.45	East Brunswick	114.0
SWMHS	74.4	Hunterdon Central	96.85

Final Record 4-6

Top: Putting his faith in Mark Humphrey to help him if necessary, Derryl Jarvis completes a difficult vault. *Top Right:* Pausing in a front support Joe Weimer prepares to enter into his next maneuver. *Above Right:* During a daily practice, Brian Moran strains to perfect a new move.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS — *Bottom:* Randy Ciprich, Tony Wimmer, Brian Moran, Mike Mosakowski. *Top:* Coach Hefelfinger, Denise Parisio, Dave Appel, Pat Ryan, Chris Sylvester, Mike Humphrey, Derryl Jarvis, Jim Cassidy, Brian Teeter, Rich Plewa.

Top: Coach Hefelfinger. *Above:* In preparation for the next day's meet, Brian Teeter adds a scissor on the sidehorse to his routine.

Season Provides Experience

When evaluating the Boys' Gymnastics team, Mr. Hefelfinger looked at more than the outcome of each meet. "Although the team was comprised mostly of sophomores and juniors, we won more meets than we had expected."

Mark Humphrey and Derryl Jarvis were this year's senior captains. They each performed well throughout the season and qualified for Sectional Competition. The team also received support from its third senior, Gary George, on the parallel bars.

Joining Humphrey and Jarvis in Sectional Competition were junior, Brian Moran and sophomore, Pat Ryan.

The losing season of 4-6 proved successful because of the additional experience each team member gained for future seasons.

Top Left: With the case of an experienced gymnast, Mark Humphrey prepares his dismount. *Above Left:* Warming up before a meet, senior Gary George perfects his routine on the parallel bars. *Left:* By chalking their hands, Randy Ciprich and Jim Cassidy gain better grips on their apparatus. *Above:* Glenn Farfel spots Randy Ciprich in his final warmup before a meet.

Girls' Gymnastics

SWMHS	69.20	Highland Park	73.30
SWMHS	60.15	Edison	59.55
SWMHS	65.00	Madison Central	78.25
SWMHS	72.85r	Raritan	65.80
SWMHS	65.75r	St. Pius	46.50
SWMHS	71.45	Cedar Ridge	78.95
SWMHS	71.15	St. Mary's	57.905
SWMHS	63.00	East Brunswick	92.20
SWMHS	70.80	J.P. Stevens	75.80
SWMHS	69.55	Carteret	80.15

Final Record 4-6

Top: With the experience of a 2 year veteran, Amy Nesterwicz shows the proper form to execute a roundoff. *Top Right:* Janise Meyertons prepares to do a front walkover on the balance beam.

In preparation for her dismount, Sue Osnato pauses a moment in her routine.

Above Right: Coach Linda Rud
Above: With much elegance, C
ole Neidermeyer perfects her ro
tine on the balance beam.

Performance Reflects Experience

Although the Girls' Gymnastics Team finished with a discouraging 4-6 record, each girl still displayed to her fans the talent and gracefulness needed to be a member of the team.

Through the coaching of Ms. Linda Rudge, the girls posted wins over Edison, Raritan, St. Pius and St. Mary's, and achieved 6th place in the County Championships.

Returning letter winner, senior Sue Osnato was an asset to the team. Her experience was reflected through polished performances given throughout the season.

"The year's experience should help quite a bit toward a winning season next year." commented Coach Rudge. "The girls learned a great deal about gymnastics and teamwork."

Top Left: With style and grace, Brenda Tomkowski executes a perfect vault. GIRLS GYMNASTICS — *Bottom:* Donna Schneider, Lisa Organus, Donna Rytel, Brenda Tomkowski, Debbie Richel, Janise Meyertons, Denise McGrath. *Top:* Lori Rosenkopf, Clair Farrell, Amy Nesterwitz, Sue Osnato, Carol Neidermeyer, Donna Miara, Lynn Arkas, Coach Rudge. *Above Right:* Prior to a home meet, Denise McGrath secures a piece of equipment to the floor. *Left:* Donna Miara gains the strength needed to successfully complete a back handspring. *Above:* Donna Schneider simulates a routine she plans to use on the balance beam.

Varsity Soccer

SWMHS	0	Edison	3
SWMHS	5	St. Mary's	4
SWMHS	1	JP Stevens	9
SWMHS	0	South River	6
SWMHS	1	Perth Amboy	5
SWMHS	1	Madison	6
SWMHS	2	Cedar Ridge	5
SWMHS	1	East Brunswick	7
SWMHS	2	Kennedy	3
SWMHS	5	New Brunswick	4
SWMHS	0	Carteret	5
SWMHS	3	Hoffman	0
SWMHS	0	Colonia	3
SWMHS	1	E. Brunswick Vo-Tech	3
SWMHS	3	Woodbridge	7
SWMHS	3	Matawan	2

Final Record 4-12

Top: Keith Gilde finds the extra strength needed to strip his opponent of the ball. *Top Right:* Phil Sowinski persues an opponent downfield.

Displaying the form of a 3 year varsity player, Lou Acero kicks a corner kick.

Top: Coach Bill Doll. *Above:* Neil Trainer prevents his Perth Amboy opponent from passing the ball.

Kreiger Ties School Assist Record

After a long and tough season the varsity soccer team ended its 1977 campaign with a 4-12-0 log. Only four varsity letter winners returned from the 1976 team, senior co-captains Keith Gilde and Glenn Kreiger, Lou Acero and junior Neil Trainer.

The team scoring leader was decided in the final game of the season against Matawan as Kreiger scored once giving him six on the year with 9 assists, tying a school record, while Gilde scored twice giving him five for the year, which tied him with Acero who missed the game due to a right knee injury.

Senior John Genus and junior Frank Gasparro shared the goal tending duties throughout the season. Defensively, the team counted on senior Phil Sowinski at center fullback and seniors Scott Pazor and Dan Strika playing the outside fullbacks. The center of the field was controlled by Keith Gilde, while Neil Trainer and senior Jay DeWorth played outside halfback. Offensively, the team was lead by Glenn Kreiger and Lou Acero, while the wing positions were played by juniors Mike Lowery and Mike Barfield, who had four goals.

Highlighting the season was a 4-3 come from behind win to beat New Brunswick in the final two minutes of the game.

Top Left: Glenn Kreiger successfully maneuvers around an opponent. *Above Left:* VARSITY SOCCER — *Bottom:* Neil Trainer, Steve Paul, Vin Pomperelli, John Genus, Frank Gasparro, Mike Lowery, Chris Bobbins, Manager Jerri Ann Donella. *Top:* Joe Fino, Bob Butchko, Jay DeWorth, Chip Wiggins, Lou Acero, Keith Gilde, Phil Sowinski, Scott Pazur, Dan Strika, Glenn Kreiger, Jeff Decker, Tom Alessi, Keith Simnor, Coach Doll. *Left:* Scott Pazur beats an opponent to a pass. *Above:* John Genus loosens up before a game.

Spirit Just Not Enough

Although the team showed spirit and enthusiasm, the JV Soccer Team finished its 1977 season with a 2-5-4 record. Coach Hudock attributes this difference due to the fact that most of last year's JV team is playing varsity.

Sophomore Frank Devine and junior Greg Burns led the squad offensively, scoring seven and five goals respectively. The defense was controlled by sophomore Glenn Guido, who also saw varsity action. The goalkeeping duties were handled by sophomore Dave Sutton who posted a 2-0 shutout against J.F.K. The season ended on a winning note when the JV's romped over Matawan 8-3.

JV Soccer

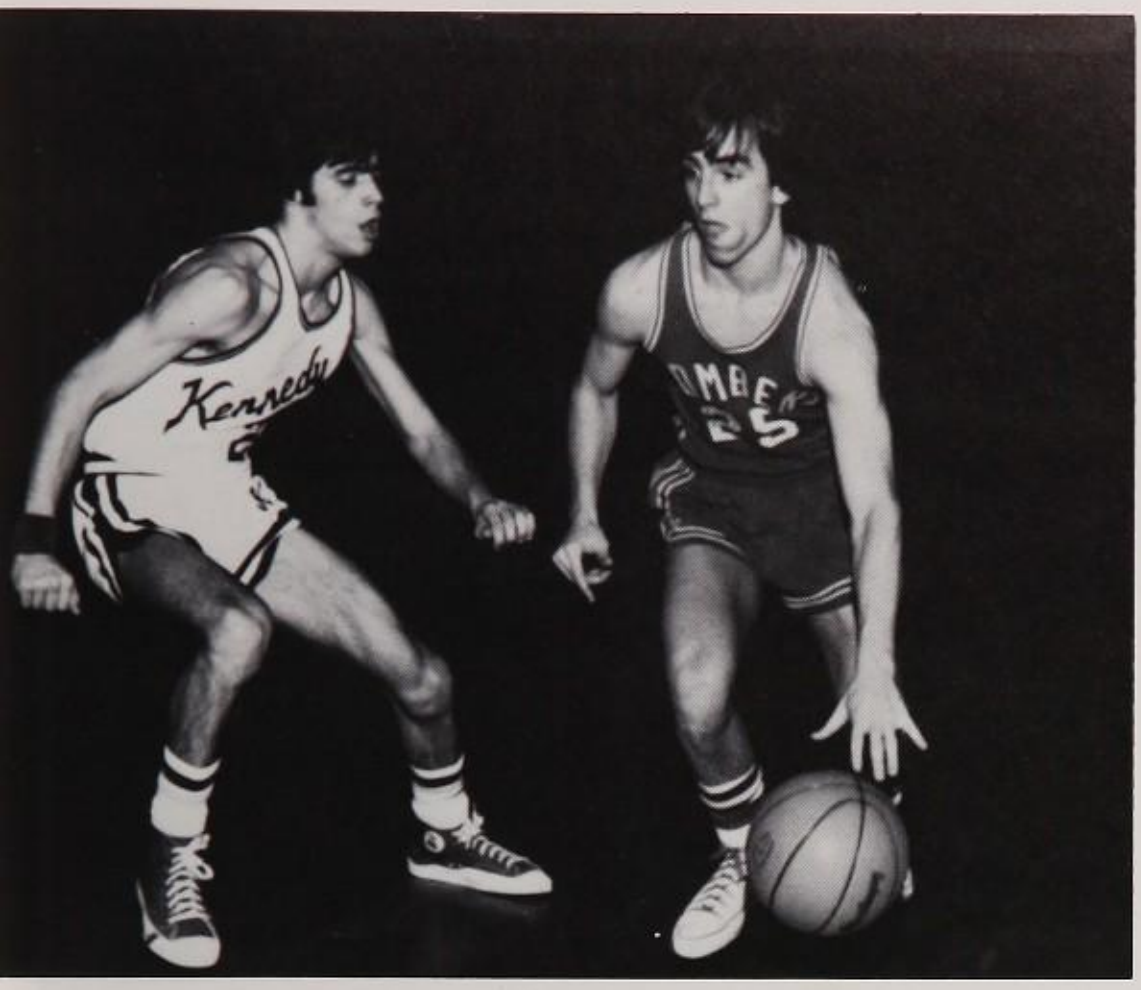
SWMHS	1	Edison	2
SWMHS	1	JP Stevens	2
SWMHS	1	South River	1
SWMHS	2	Madison Central	2
SWMHS	0	Cedar Ridge	2
SWMHS	2	JF Kennedy	0
SWMHS	1	Carteret	1
SWMHS	1	Colonia	2
SWMHS	4	E. Brunswick Vo-Tech	4
SWMHS	8	Matawan	3

Final Record 2-5-4

Top Right: On the trail of his opponent, Jeff Decker attempts to steal the ball. *Above Far Right:* During a game against South River, Steve Paul takes a corner kick in hopes that one of his teammates will score a goal. *Above Right:* Members of the soccer team discuss their strategy with fans.

JV SOCCER — *Bottom:* Chris Tomkoski, Bill Franey, Rich Corado, Eric Wolfarth, Glenn Guido, Dave Katko. *Second Row:* Frank Devine, John Burrets, Bruce Mast, Bob Butchko, John Bouthillette, Les Morgan, John Waskis, Keith Simnor, Eric Meakem. *Top:* Karen Jorgensen, Cindy Tobias, Mike Barfield, Randy McArthur, Ed Yin, Marc Spiegel, Ken Moyle, Ray Lockwood, Craig Backman, Scott Stamper, Mike Carlesimo, Mike Chrysanthopoulos, Dave Sutton, Coach Bob Hudock.

Improvement — First Step to Success



So close, yet so far, seemed to describe the Boys' JV Basketball season. Although the team tallied a losing season, nine out of 14 games were lost by seven points or less, which totals an average loss of under three points per game.

Records alone, however, don't tell the whole story about the team. "The players improved greatly since the beginning and learned what we taught them," commented Coach Piotrowski. "The JV team sees different players from year to year, and the success of the team usually depends on the improvement of younger players." The team showed several talented individuals this year. Freshman Dan Obgorne led the team in scoring, followed by sophomore John Tarnacki. Junior Scott Pazur "improved with each game and was a good shooter." Enforcement was added by strong rebounders, Josh Delgado and John Devlin, who came off the bench to lend their support to the team.

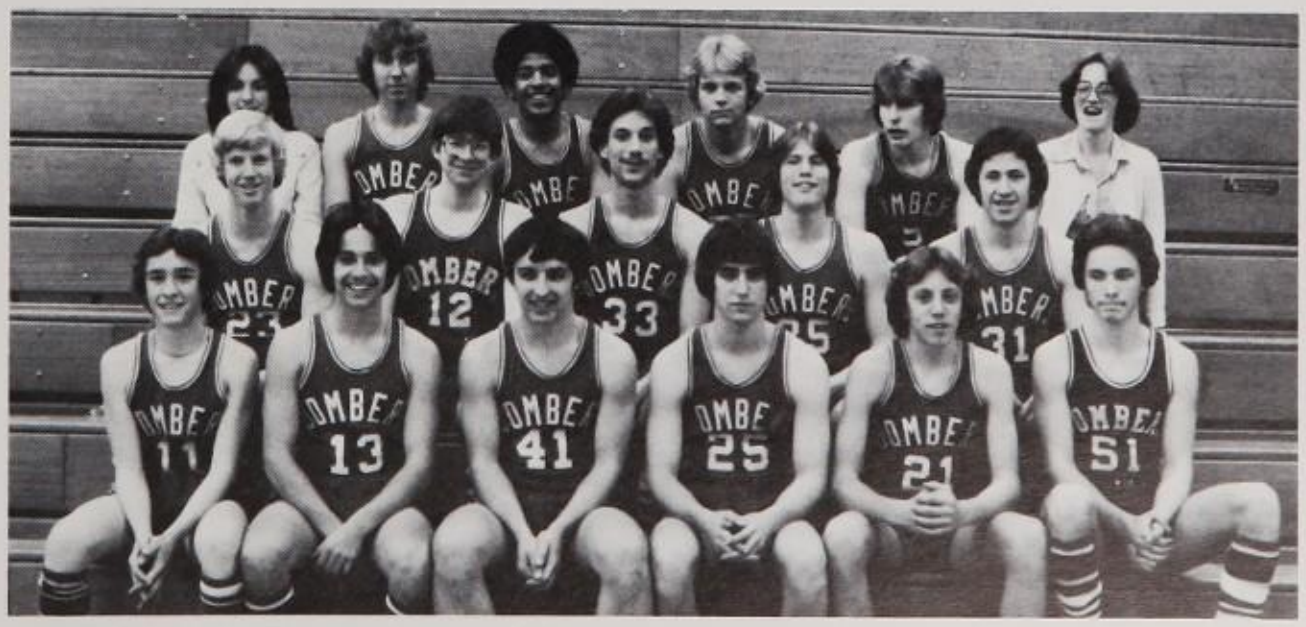
Highlighting the boys' season was a win scored against Colonia, rated ninth in the county tournament. The Bombers beat them by 11 points, after losing to them by 15 points on Colonia's home court.

Evidence of the team's improvement was a strong finish when the boys won four out of their last six games.

Boys' JV Basketball

SWMHS	67	Edison	70
SWMHS	43	Carteret	65
SWMHS	53	East Brunswick	60
SWMHS	72	Madison Central	47
SWMHS	47	Perth Amboy	44
SWMHS	53	JF Kennedy	54
SWMHS	52	JP Stevens	55
SWMHS	40	Woodbridge	41
SWMHS	43	Colonia	59
SWMHS	65	Cedar Ridge	49
SWMHS	50	Edison	54
SWMHS	49	Carteret	56
SWMHS	53	East Brunswick	60
SWMHS	51	Madison Central	48
SWMHS	58	Perth Amboy	73
SWMHS	56	JF Kennedy	81
SWMHS	52	JP Stevens	32
SWMHS	30	Woodbridge	37
SWMHS	61	Colonia	50
SWMHS	63	Cedar Ridge	58
SWMHS	54	St. Mary's	67

Final Record 7-14



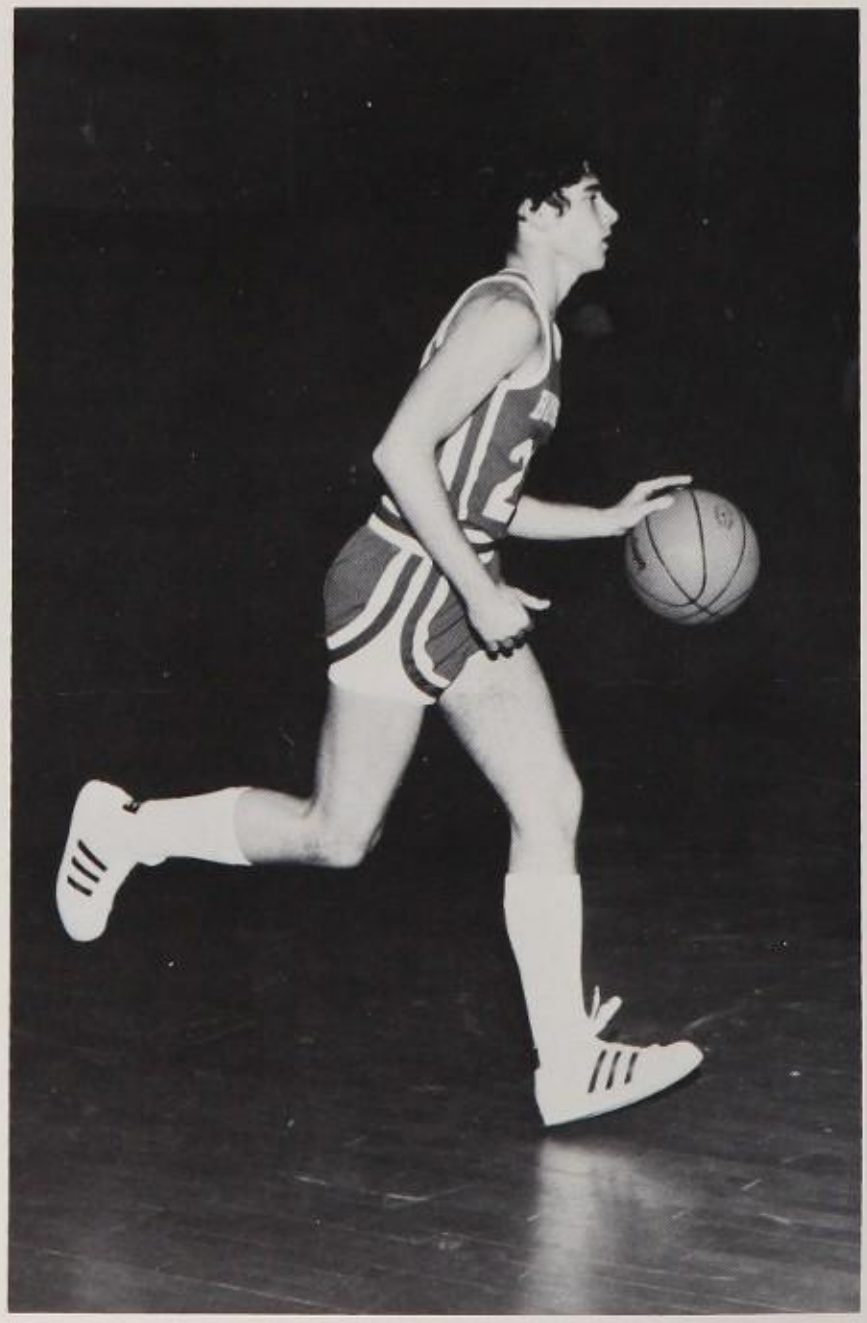
Top: Faking a Kennedy guard, Dave Kinsel drives for two. *Above Left:* In an effort to save the ball, Scott Pazur scrambles between two Madison Central opponents. *Above Right:* Sophomore John Tarnacki, the team's second highest scorer, pivots to avoid a possible steal.

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL: *Bottom:* Larry Lenahan, Glenn Guido, John Tarnacki, Dave Kinsel, John Burrets, Mike Goetz. *Second Row:* Ray Kreiger, John Lynch, Perry Randise, Doug Albert, Tom Callahan. *Top:* Sandy Georgas, Scott Pazur, Josh Delgado, John Devlin, Dan Ogborne, Cathy Kelleher. *Not Shown:* Coach Bob Piotrowski.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

SWMHS	67	Edison	60
SWMHS	45	Carteret	67
SWMHS	67	East Brunswick	60
SWMHS	54	Madison Central	62
SWMHS	57	Perth Amboy	66
SWMHS	53	JF Kennedy	68
SWMHS	48	JP Stevens	70
SWMHS	38	Woodbridge	51
SWMHS	50	Colonia	57
SWMHS	46	Edison	49
SWMHS	61	East Brunswick	73
SWMHS	48	Madison Central	39
SWMHS	62	Perth Amboy	80
SWMHS	41	JF Kennedy	52
SWMHS	45	Woodbridge	67
SWMHS	45	Colonia	53
SWMHS	81	Cedar Ridge	56
SWMHS	45	St. Mary's	46
SWMHS	81	JP Stevens	62
SWMHS	61	Carteret	57
SWMHS	57	Cedar Ridge	61
SWMHS	75	Watchung Hills	59
SWMHS	47	Neptune	79

Final Record 7-16



Top Left: In an attempt to raise the score, Ron Borup sinks his first foul shot. *Top Right:* The team's leading scorer, Ralph Novak leaps past a Kennedy guard to hit for 2.

Setting up the offense, Senior Brian Plunkett calls the play.

Top: Coach Pat Dineen. *Above:* Despite the defense played by his JF Kennedy opponents, Jeff Kabat adds two points to the scoreboard.

Underclassmen Dominate Starters

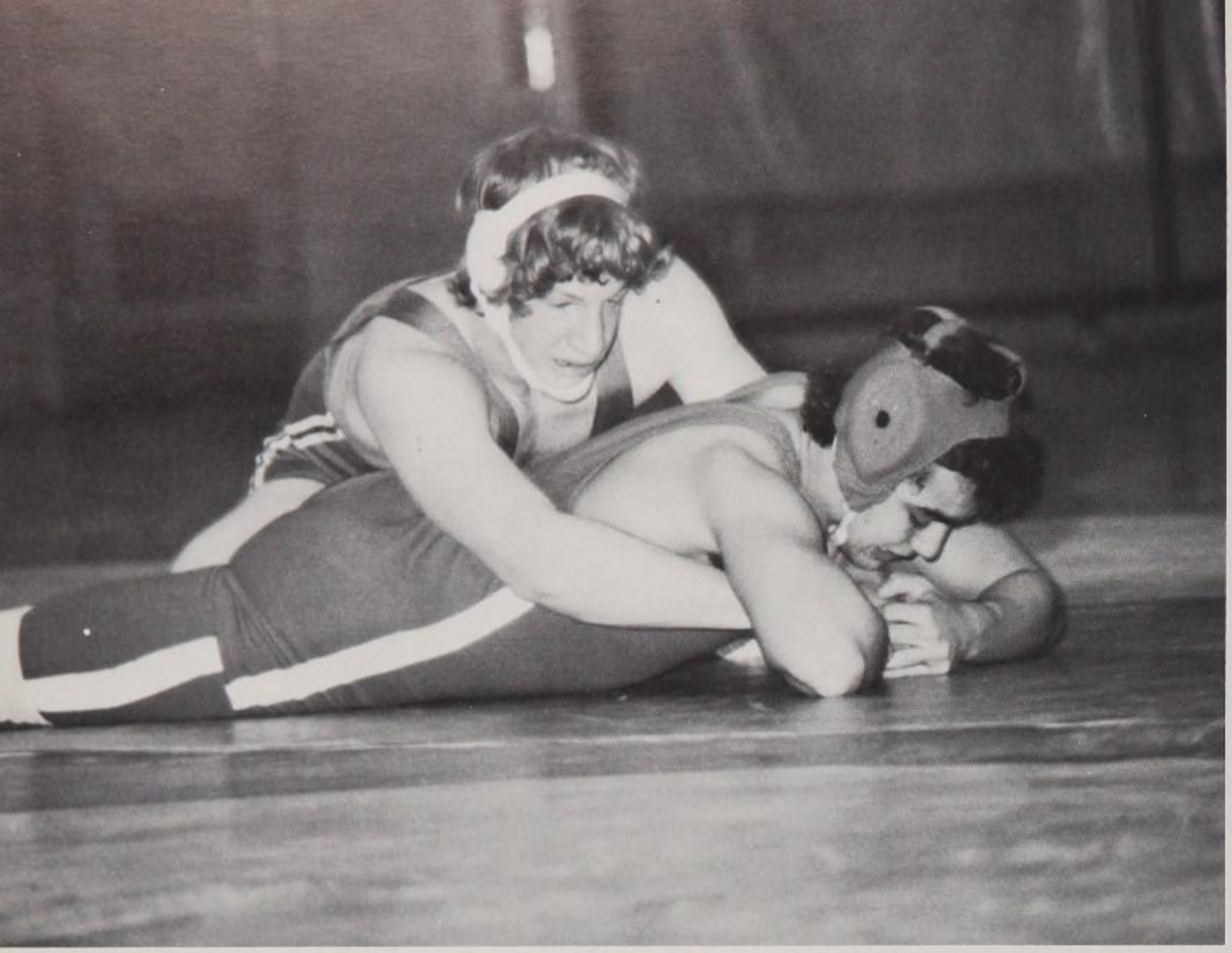
"It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that counts!!" Excitement, spirit and enthusiasm followed the Boys' Varsity Basketball team not only to the Sayreville gym, but to away courts as well. The Bombers generated a kind of electricity whenever they played. Even if they lost, the fans still walked away satisfied with the Bomber's performance.

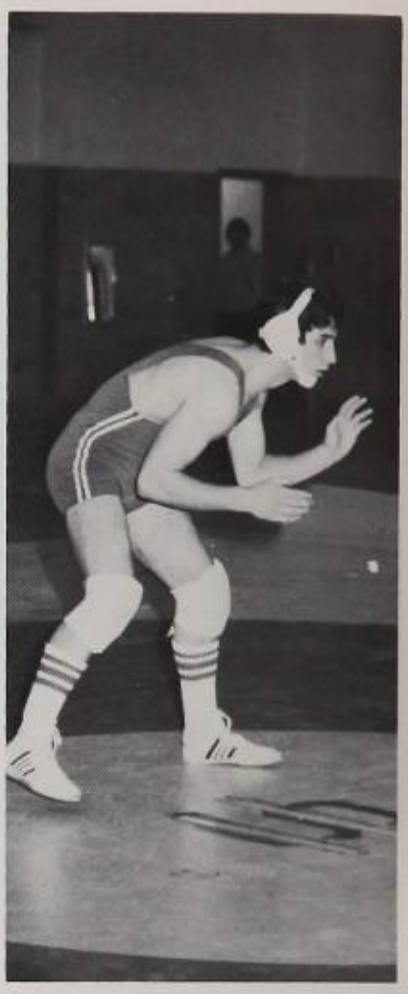
Although accumulating only a 7-16 record, the team's talent did not go unrecognized. Senior team captains Glenn Kreiger and Ron Burup "provided excellent leadership to a young club." Coach Dineen also felt that juniors Jeff Kabat, Tom Lakomski, Vin Servedio and Ralph Jurkiewicz played key roles in the team's victories. Leading scorer and rebounder, Ralph Novak, put in an average of 13 points and pulled down 6 rebounds per game. He was followed closely by Jeff Kabat who averaged 12 points and 4 rebounds.

The team didn't have the benefit of any returning starters, which resulted in having to rebuild and work together. "Towards the end of the season, the team really started to mature and play well together," commented Coach Dineen. The boys showed their ability and improvement by winning four of their last five games — one being a 61-57 victory over MCAC champs, Carteret.
MCAC champs, Carteret.

Coach Dineen seems optimistic about next year's team. "We must sharpen up offensively and defensively, but three starters and top sub, Vin Servedio, will be returning next year."

Top Left: Prior to the start of the game, the Bombers perfect their foul shots and field goals. BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: *Bottom:* Ralph Jurkiewicz, Brian Plunkett, Don Klaproth, Tom Lakomski, Glenn Kreiger. *Top:* Rich Simnor, John Ryan, Vin Servedio, Ron Borup, Jeff Kabat, Ralph Novak, Coach Pat Dineen. *Left:* Tom Lakomski dribbles to get around the defense set by Kennedy. *Above:* Driving for two points, Glenn Kreiger zips past a Kennedy forward.

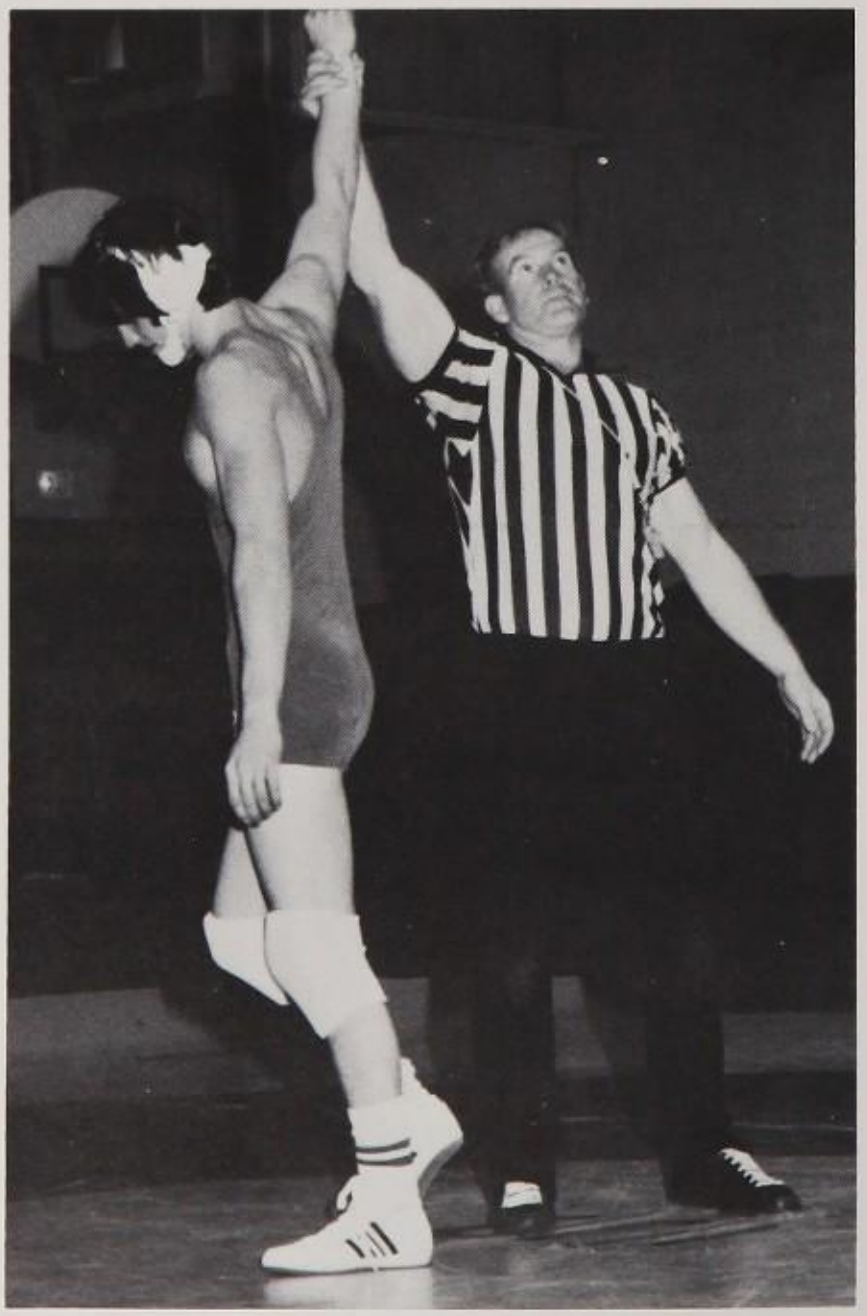




Varsity Wrestling

SWMHS	15	New Brunswick	37
SWMHS	17	Woodbridge	41
SWMHS	42	Perth Amboy	19
SWMHS	19	JF Kennedy	33
SWMHS	20	South River	34
SWMHS	9	JP Stevens	42
SWMHS	6	East Brunswick	54
SWMHS	6	Edison	47
SWMHS	25	Carteret	25
SWMHS	27	Highland Park	26
SWMHS	12	Cedar Ridge	46
SWMHS	34	North Brunswick	31

Final Record 3-8-1



Victorious! Junior Paul Letts is declared the winner.

Top: Coach Andy Buydos. *Above:* After a tough round, Senior Don Bell leaves the mat with the agony of defeat clearly showing on his face.

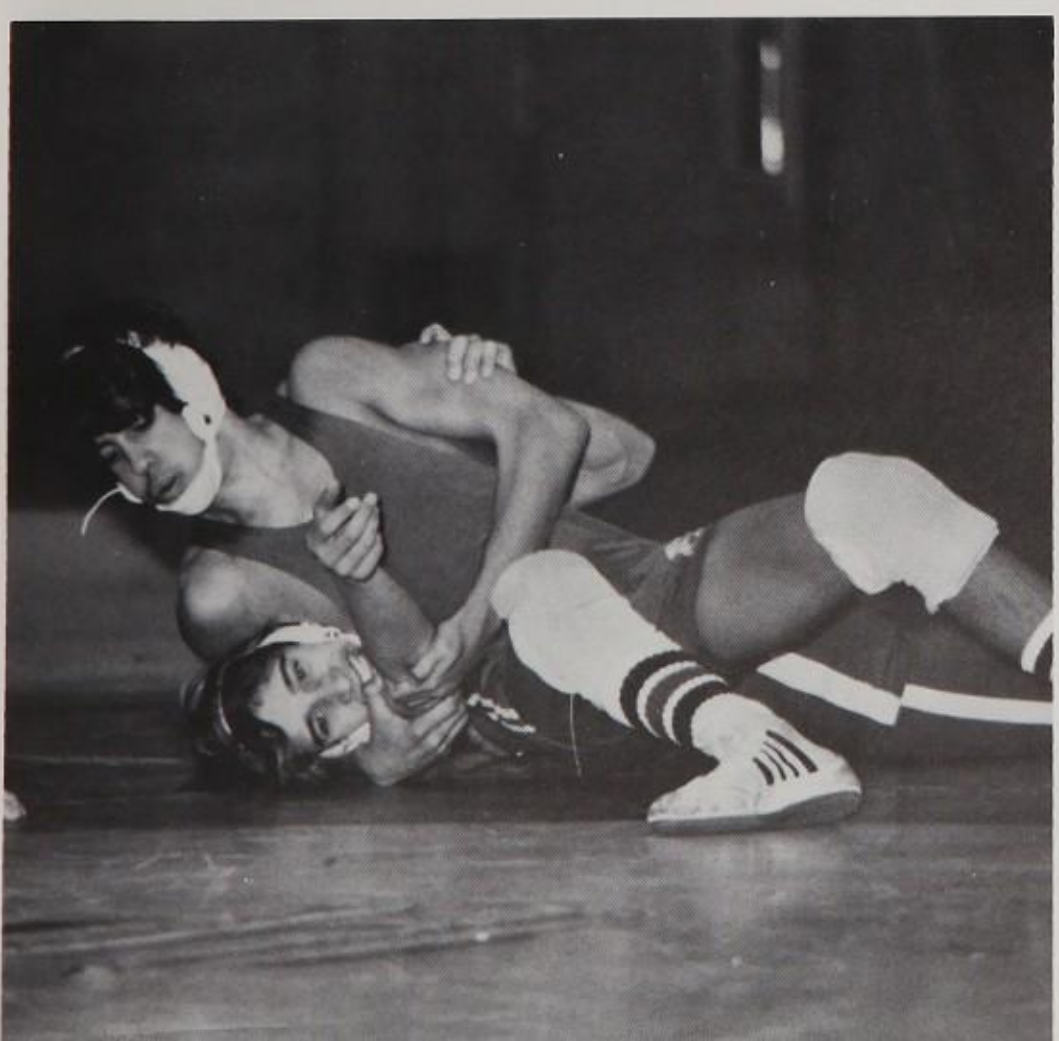
De Cristofaro — Most Valuable Wrestler

After coming off of last year's 0-13 season the Varsity Wrestling team improved its record to 3-8-1.

Coach Buydos felt that the season was successful because "most of the boys who started with the team at the beginning of the season stayed with the team until the end."

Jerry DeCristofaro was cited as the most valuable wrestler for 1978 with an 11-5 record. Buydos also mentioned Dave Kirk, who was the most improved wrestler with an 11-5 mark, Ted Broudy, outstanding with a 10-4-2 log, Don Bell with a 10-6 and Paul Letts with 9-4 logs respectively.

Highlighting the year was a late season victory over North Brunswick. The score was 28-31 in favor of North Brunswick going into the last match. Jerry DeCristofaro knew he needed to pin his opponent if the team was going to win the match. After 2:43 of hard wrestling, Jerry pinned his opponent and won the match.

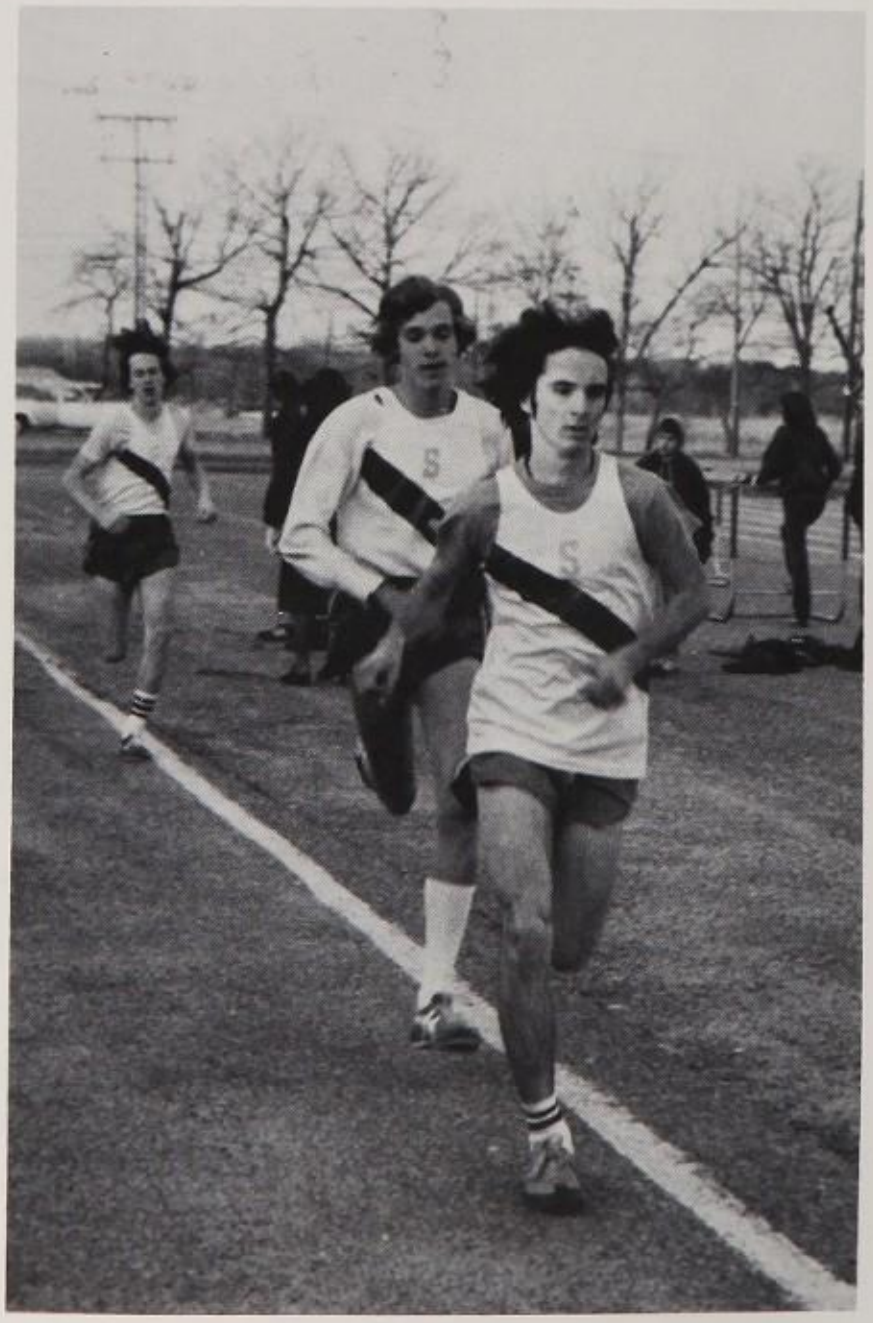


Top Left: In an effort to pin his opponent Dave Kirk forces the cradle for the fall. VARSITY WRESTLING: *Bottom:* John Owens, Paul Letts, Dan Constantineu, Bob Simonaro, Roger Vincent, Eric Meakem, Mike McKeon, Mark Powell. *Top:* Dawn Lytkowski, Barb McLaughlin, Dave Kirk, Joe Antone, Don Bell, Ted Broudy, Mark Ryan, Jerry DeCristofaro, Lori Rankin, Coach Buydos. *Left:* Hitting the head-lock perfectly, Mark Powell, pins his man with a strong effort. *Above:* With ease and style, Senior Captain Jerry DeCristofaro proceeds to pin his opponent from Perth Amboy.

Winter Track

SWMHS	48	Madison	29
SWMHS	48	So. Brunswick	30
SWMHS	77	New Brunswick	4
SWMHS	26	Neptune	50
SWMHS	57	South River	20
SWMHS	65	Perth Amboy	12
SWMHS	41	Edison	36
SWMHS	21	JP Stevens	49
SWMHS	66	Cedar Ridge	13
SWMHS	46	JF Kennedy	31
SWMHS	34	East Brunswick	43
SWMHS	54	Colonia	23
SWMHS	53	Carteret	24
SWMHS	39	Woodbridge	38

Final Record 11-3



Top: With a final burst of energy, A. Jay Sabine and Jay DeWorth strive to finish an exhausting race. *Top Right:* Breaking into a sprint, Mary Heussner heads for the finish line.

Junior John Koblos leads the way for his teammates as Eric Veit follows close behind.

Top: Coaches Gerry Carney and Bill Scarola. *Above:* With agony and concentration showing on his face, junior Garry Wolf finishes a tough 2-mile run.

Unkels Set High Jump Record

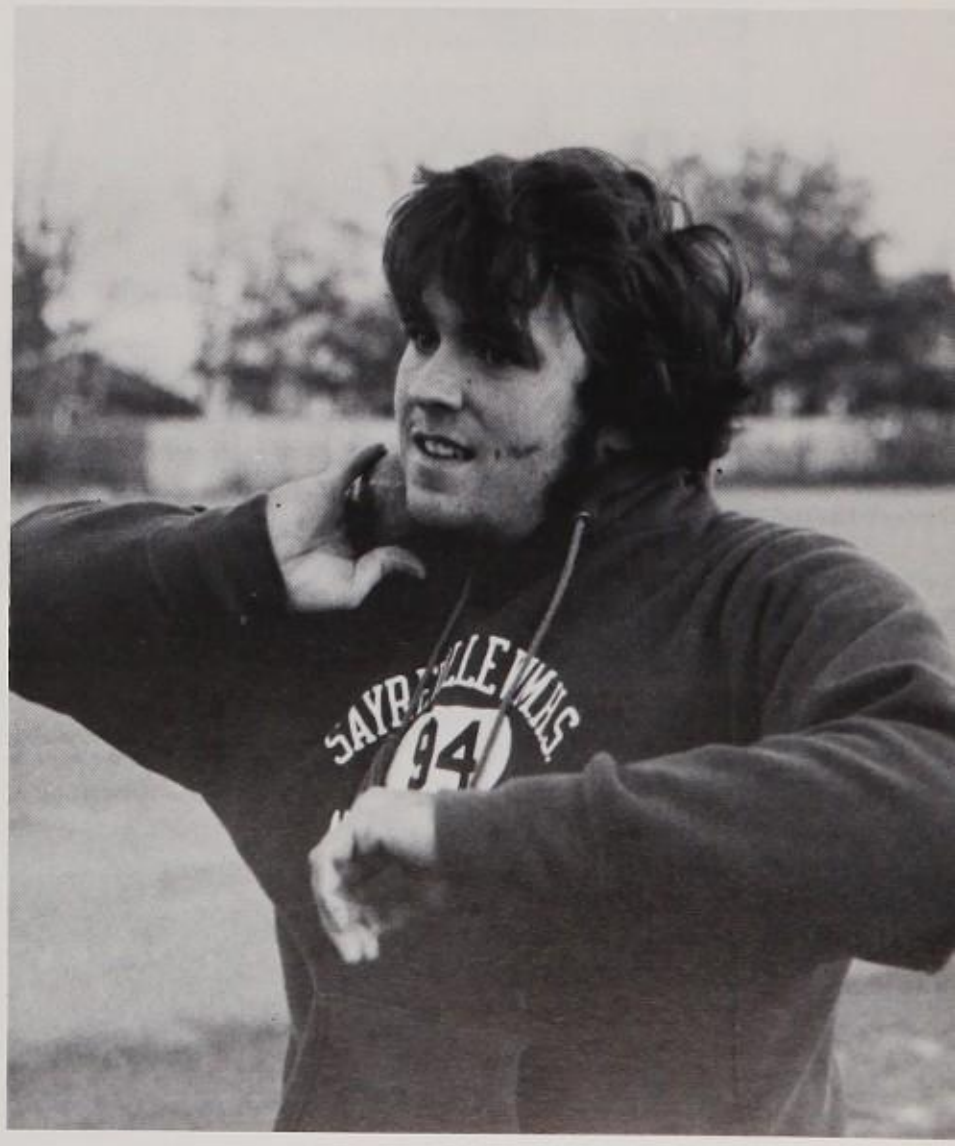
Although they were very young, the 1977-1978 Winter Track Team ended its season with an excellent 8-3 log. Contributors to this log ranged from freshmen to seniors. The team's number one miler was a freshman, Joe Longo. Sophomores A. Jay Sabine, Glenn Soika and Kevin Shanley were three of the top 15 sprinters in the county with Shanley placing fifth in the county meet.

The Unkel cousins, Dean and Scott, took care of the high jump by tying for the school record with 6'4" jumps.

Leading the way in the shot put was senior captain Lowell Aube, who consistently threw in the 47 foot area and remained undefeated throughout most of the season.

The other senior team captains were Jay DeWorth and John Pitti. Jay was a three year veteran who led many winning mile relay teams.

Highlighting the season was when senior captain Dean Unkel broke the school high jump record with a jump of 6′ 4″ in a double duel meet against J.F.K. and East Brunswick.



Top Left: Taking the lead in a tough Mile Relay, Glenn Soika and A. Jay Sabine show the smoothness of a perfect handoff. *Above Left:* WINTER TRACK: *Bottom:* Maria Zabaleta, Donna Gaasbeck, Karen Brent, Kathy Russo, Pam Lichtenstein, Amy Brent, Grace Kalamaras, Arleen McDowell, Penny Larsen, Maria Hauber. *Second Row:* Coach Jerry Carney, Mary Heussner, George Stoddard, Dan Luther, Ken Moyle, Paula Rojewski, Abida Khan, Betty Rathbun, Ellen Briody. *Third Row:* Coach Bill Scarola, Bob Huber, Tom Brady, Brian Teeter, John Dreyfuss, Doug Jolly, Scott Kominkiewicz, Sandy Check. *Fourth Row:* Tod McGrath, John Syslo, A. Jay Sabine, Mike Beatrice, Joe Longo, Scott Mohr, Diane Smierzynski. *Fifth Row:* Stephen Kirk, Lowell Aube, Glenn Soika, Garry Wolf, Scott McGrath, Paul Kausch. *Top:* Harry McGowan, Eric Veit, Kevin Shanley, Dean Unkel, Jay DeWorth, Scott Unkel, Rocco D'Antuono, Alyssa Iaciofoli. *Left:* Overcoming her opponent from North Brunswick, Mary Jane Briody dispels the old adage that women are the weaker sex. *Above:* Senior Lowell Aube shows the perfect form to put the shot for a winning distance.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

SWMHS	70	Edison	47
SWMHS	67	Carteret	36
SWMHS	66	East Brunswick	39
SWMHS	64	Madison Central	39
SWMHS	78	Perth Amboy	54
SWMHS	49	Woodbridge	44
SWMHS	82	Colonia	57
SWMHS	51	JF Kennedy	38
SWMHS	74	Colonia	53
SWMHS	56	Edison	39
SWMHS	58	East Brunswick	45
SWMHS	73	JP Stevens	24
SWMHS	60	Madison Central	35
SWMHS	68	Perth Amboy	58
SWMHS	63	JF Kennedy	46
SWMHS	56	Carteret	33
SWMHS	42	Woodbridge	55
SWMHS	65	Colonia	37
SWMHS	63	Highland Park	36
SWMHS	55	JP Stevens	23
SWMHS	56	Cedar Ridge	37
SWMHS	48	So. Plainfield	45
SWMHS	43	Piscataway	50
SWMHS	63	Hamilton West	37
SWMHS	55	Woodbridge	36
SWMHS	57	Raritan	51
SWMHS	58	Piscataway	87

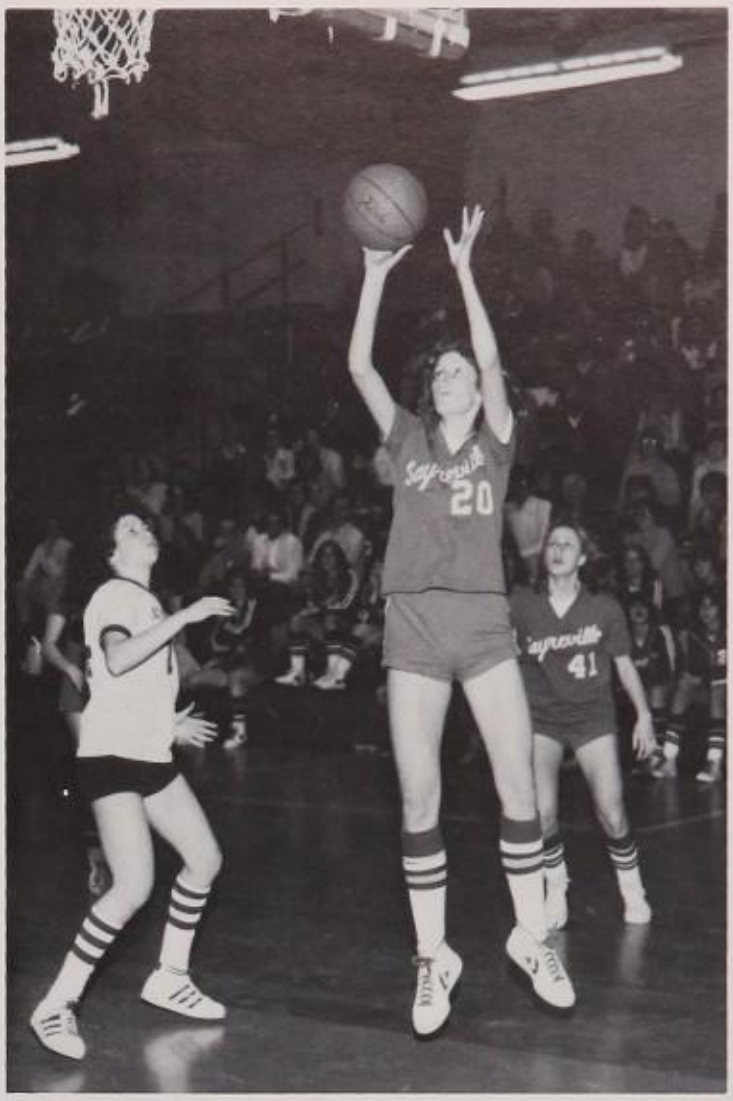
Final Record 24-3

Top Left: All-time top scorer, of SWMHS, Rhonda Rompola shows her expertise at the foul line as she sinks a free throw. Top Right: With a shooting technique of her own, Mona Hickson attempts to sink an outside shot.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: *Bottom:* Debbie Donahue, Jody Mehl, Michelle Czachur. *Second Row:* Coach Sunski, Sue Klein, Gayle Grankowski, Barb Hennessy, Karen Anderson, Candy Zollinger, Mona Hickson. *Top:* Kathy Connors, Sue Malaspina, Barbie Hansel, Rhonda Rompola, Debbie Spitzer. Top: Snatching the ball from the reach of her Carteret opponent, Candy Zollinger breaks for a layup.

Top: Coach Judy Sunski. Above: Trying to overcome her opponent's block, Debbie Spitzer looks for an open teammate.

Rhonda Breaks All-Time Scoring Record — 1608 Points



Top Left: Being careful not to step out of bounds, Karen Anderson dribbles around a Carteret trap. *Above Left:* Applying her exceptional dribbling skills, three year veteran, Barb Hennessy, passes two Carteret guards. *Left:* After faking two Carteret players, Sue Malaspina jumps above them to score. *Above:* Through her unique shooting style, Gayle Grankowski proves to East Brunswick that Sayreville is #1. *Top:* An East Brunswick opponent is defenseless as six foot forward Barb Hansel shoots and scores.

Young Team Victorious

Following in the winning footsteps of the varsity team, the Girls' JV Basketball team earned themselves an impresssive 13-6 record.

With only two returning JV players, the squad had to learn and work together to make the season the success that it was. Junior team captains Linda McDermott and Lisa Rispoli were "good team leaders on and off the floor."

Although they lost to a tough East Brunswick team both times they met, the team was proud to avenge a previous season loss to Woodbridge as they beat them in a double overtime bout 50-44.

Coach Smith felt she had a strong squad despite the fact that it was the first year on the JV team for all but two of its members.

Leading scorer Sue Klein, who averaged 15.6 points per game and leading rebounder Lisa Rispoli, averaging 10.5 rebounds, along with Linda McDermott also saw quite a bit of varsity action this year.

Although the JV team will be losing several strong players, they still anticipate a winning season next year.

Girls' JV Basketball

SWMHS	51	Edison	25
SWMHS	45	Carteret	15
SWMHS	31	East Brunswick	36
SWMHS	46	Madison Central	35
SWMHS	20	Perth Amboy	47
SWMHS	31	Woodbridge	33
SWMHS	75	Colonia	37
SWMHS	40	JF Kennedy	39
SWMHS	40	Edison	38
SWMHS	56	Colonia	13
SWMHS	20	East Brunswick	40
SWMHS	36	JP Stevens	40
SWMHS	52	Madison Central	50
SWMHS	59	Perth Amboy	28
SWMHS	47	JF Kennedy	36
SWMHS	52	Carteret	11
SWMHS	50	Woodbridge	44
SWMHS	53	JP Stevens	34
SWMHS	42	Cedar Ridge	52

Final Record 13-6

Top Right: Surrounded by her East Brunswick opponents, Sue Klein moves in for an easy layup. *Above Right:* Point guard, Joan Crummy consistently set up the offense throughout the season. *Above Far Right:* Linda McDermott slips through a weak Car-

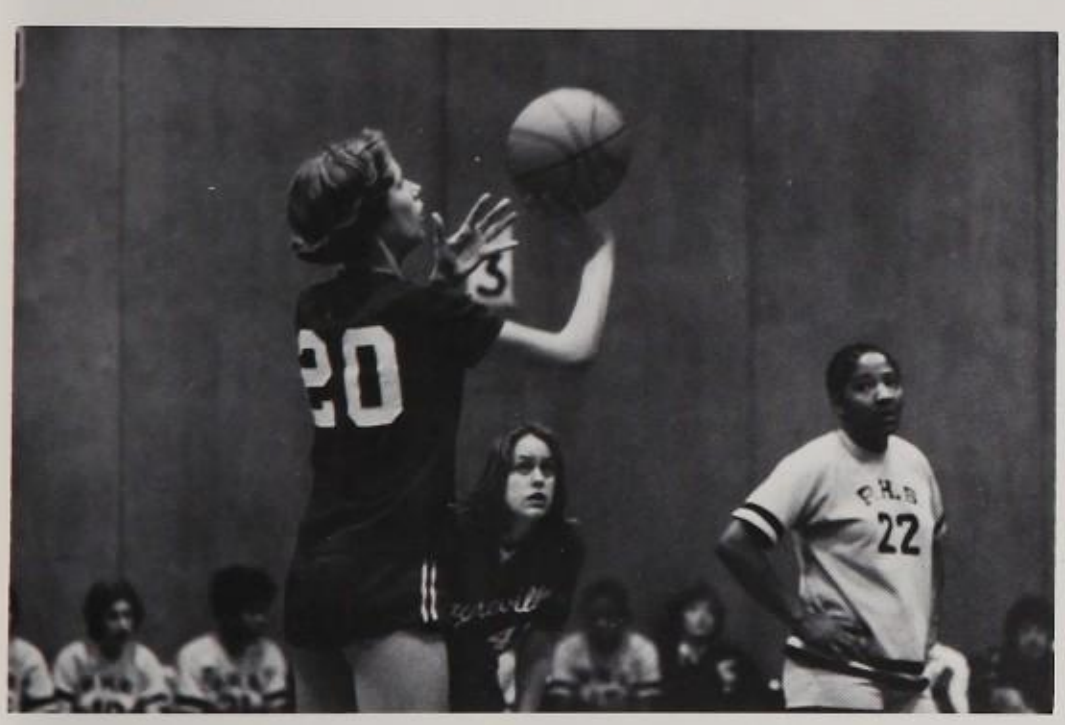
GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL: *Bottom:* Ann Griffith, Sue Klein, Lisa Rispoli, Linda McDermott, Dawn Zollinger, Cindy Ritter. *Top:* Debbie Donahue, Nancy Burbank, Lori Mehl, Lisa Liquori, Linda Almeida, Joan Crummy, Denise Kowalewski, Coach Smith.

2nd Straight MCAC Title — On to Rutgers!

Last year's Girls' Varsity Basketball log, marked as "the most successful season ever," was only a taste of the success the girls were to enjoy this year.

Senior team tri-captains Rhonda Rompola, Barb Hennessy and Gayle Grankowski led the team to beat many opponents by ten points or better. Adding to their talents were junior starters Sue Malaspina and Barbie Hansel, with support from an experienced bench.

Although some games started out slow, there was no stopping the Bomber powerhouse once it was turned on.



The expressions on the faces of those watching and playing showed excitement, anticipation and 24 times out of 27, victory.

Every game was a thrill from start to finish. Pregame anxieties were borne not only by the players and coaches, but reached out and struck the parents and spectators as they filed into the gymnasium to await the start of each game.

Everyone rose to their feet to cheer the team on at games against Woodbridge, South Plainfield, Piscataway, and arch-rival, East Brunswick, who Sayreville blew off the court twice this season.

The team's first loss came from Woodbridge, and was the only one after a winning streak of 16, but was not enough to keep the Bombers from capturing the MCAC title for the second straight year.

But more rewarding than a conference championship was the honor of battling Piscataway for the county title at Rutger's gym. This came after defeating Colonia in the first round, Highland Park in the quarter final, and South Plainfield in the semi-final round of the counties. After losing to South Plainfield in the semi-final round last year, Coach Sunski and her team were more than happy to beat them this year. The 48-45 final score advanced Sayreville to Rutgers on February 25, where they were met by an excellent Piscataway team. Trailing by 14 at the half, Sayreville cut the margin to only 5 but could not hold out despite a 24 point effort by Rompola. "It was a thrill just being there and knowing all those people were cheering for you," a team member commented.

Rhonda, who averaged 20.5 points per game, went on to break the school record for points with 1608, which was set by Steve Makwinski with 1546 points. In addition, she earned a position on the South All Star Team of the New Jersey Classic, which is also being coached by Ms. Sunski.

It would be unfair, however, to rest the team's success solely on Rhonda's shoulders. Again this year senior veterans Barb Hennessy and Gayle Grankowski played key roles in the team's offense and defense. And working just as hard as any starter were the players on the bench who often found themselves substituting for an injured player or a player in foul trouble.

Through superb coaching, precision plays and a total team effort, the Girls' Varsity Basketball team is proud to boast their most successful season ever.

Top Left: Both showing their renowned basketball skills, Sayreville's finest Rhonda Rompola, blocks a shot by Piscataway's #1. *Top Right:* Applying defensive pressure, Gayle Grankowski denies her opponent the ball. *Above Left:* Concentration shows on the face of Barb Hansel as she prepares to release the ball to sink a free throw. *Left:* Their threatening defense was part of the balance that made the girls #1.

Varsity Field Hockey

SWMHS	1	Cranford	1
SWMHS	0	Madison Twp.	0
SWMHS	1	Highland Park	2
SWMHS	0	South River	0
SWMHS	0	South Brunswick	1
SWMHS	2	Scotch Plains	1
SWMHS	0	Piscataway	1
SWMHS	0	East Brunswick	2
SWMHS	1	Westfield	2
SWMHS	0	Highland Park (County Tourney)	2
SWMHS	3	Stevens	0
SWMHS	1	Cedar Ridge	1

Final Record 2-6-5

Top: Determination shows on the face of Kathy Connors as she approaches the ball to prevent her opponent from scoring a goal. *Above Right:* Receiving a pass from her teammate, Debbie Huneke prepares to set up the offense for a goal.

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY — *Bottom:* Coach Marti Westaby. *Second Row:* Barb Hennessy, Donna Gaasbeck, Barb Galaro, Gina Eckstrom, Linda Almeida. *Third Row:* Debbie Golaszewski, Kathy Connors, Chris Smithers, Debbie Huneke. *Top:* Nancy Burbank, Nancy Larsen, Melinda McSpadden, Sue Klein.

Top: After dodging her opponent, Sophomore Donna Gaasbeck goes on to score a goal. *Above:* Debbie Golaszewski obviously disagrees with the referees call.

Team Experiences First Rebuilding Year

After a 1-1 tie against Cedar Ridge, the Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team wound up their season with a 2-6-5 record. The log marked the first losing season in the history of the sport.

Although the girls didn't have a winning season, the juniors and sophomores who played varsity gained valuable experience.

Leading the offense were senior co-captains forward Chris Smithers and left half back Kathy Connors. They were backed by senior center half back Deb Huneke and senior goalie Barb Galaro on defense. Barb had a total of 94 saves and 12 scores on goal for the season.

Underclassmen also contributed to the effort with junior Melinda McSpadden and sophomore Sue Klein playing right halfback and right fullback respectively.

"It just seemed as though they couldn't put it all together," commented JV coach Pat Willis. "The year was a rebuilding one and a winning season is expected next year."

Top: Clearing the ball, Barb Galaro adds another save to her record. *Center:* Showing quick defense, Gina Eckstrom intercepts a pass from her South River opponent. *Above:* Sue Brower chips the ball away from her opponents.

Coach Marti Westaby

Despite Inexperience — Season Successful

The JV Field Hockey Team experienced a winning season once again this year as they ended their season with a 4-3-3 record.

"Even though the majority of them had never played the game before, they did a fine job," remarked Coach Willis.

The team was guided by their captains, Linda McDermott and Caralyn Donnamaria. Linda accumulated 63 saves and only 4 scores on goal for the season.

Sophomore Mary Ellen D'Angelo was high scorer for the team with 3 goals. The combined offensive and defensive efforts of McDermott and D'Angelo aided the team in defeating Highland Park, Scotch Plains, South Brunswick and South River.

Sue Brower, a first year freshman, played well on defense and was "a very coachable and flexible player."

Improving offense and defense seemed to be a key factor in the success of the team.

JV Field Hockey

SWMHS	0	Cranford	0
SWMHS	0	Madison Twp.	1
SWMHS	1	Highland Park	0
SWMHS	2	South River	0
SWMHS	1	South Brunswick	0
SWMHS	1	Scotch Plains	0
SWMHS	1	Piscataway	2
SWMHS	0	East Brunswick	0
SWMHS	0	Westfield	0
SWMHS	0	Stevens	0

Final Record 4-3-3

Top Right: Battling against three South River opponents, Linda Starry chips the ball away. *Above Right:* After receiving the pass, Dot Burbank takes it down the field hoping to score. *Above Far Right:* Finding a loss hard to accept, Margaret Franey and Cathy Kelleher quietly sit the bench.

JV FIELD HOCKEY — *Bottom:* Sue Schneider, Sue Brower, Margaret Franey. *Second Row:* Colleen Smithers, Michele Balzamo, Joan Crummy, Carolyn Donnamaria, Debbie Colacicci, Dot Burbank, Cathy Kelleher. *Top:* Coach Pat Willis, Mary Ellen D'Angelo, Debbie Golaszewski, Linda Starry, Linda McDermott, Denise Kowalewski, Eileen Ulrich, Daryl Eck.

It's Hard to Lose a Hero

On November 23, 1977, Sayreville War Memorial High School lost a very special person. Marti Westaby was coach, colleague, friend, and teacher to many. For twelve years she influenced countless numbers. The words and thoughts of just some of these people are written here to last as a tribute to this highly respected and caring person.

Ms. Westaby coached a family of players — not just a team . . . She knew more about hockey than the wise men know about life . . . She was remarkable — one minute she was giving advice on hockey, the next she was solving a personal problem with you, then she would joke and laugh with you like a high school buddy. No matter what though, you couldn't help but always respect her for herself . . . When I scored my first varsity goal I could only attribute it to her — the coach who knew how to erase my fears . . . By the end of the season every player wanted to win for her . . . And every September, faithful hockey players return to the Sayreville field to play in the Alumni Game — her own idea, and perhaps one of the things she looked forward to most. Yes, we all returned to play hockey — but more important, we all returned to see the Coach who made an impression on all of our lives . . . It's hard to lose a championship game, but harder still to lose a hero . . .

Marti knew hockey. She was a determined coach. She wanted the best and she got it. Sayreville met us in the State Tournament. I knew they were a strong team but I never expected to lose 10-0! . . . As a coach she cared for her players, and taught them how to be the best . . . She was a good and dedicated coach and Sayreville has indeed lost a person of whom it can be proud . . .

It is with great sorrow that we record the passing of a friend . . . Our lives touched briefly but she certainly made an impression and a lasting one at that . . . Marti was a decent loving human being who cared about the people she considered to be her friends. Her only wish was to bring all her friends together and have them accept each other simply as people . . . As a friend, she was always there to help with a problem and give her best advice . . . A sensitive, sincere and understanding individual, who cared about people; because of her sensitivity, she was easily hurt but held those feelings in because she did not want to hurt others . . . My "little sis" had a heart of gold with a love of animals. She loved her "bike" and was a free spirit . . .

Ms. Westaby can be described in one word — caring. As a teacher she cared for the welfare of her students . . . She gave what money can't buy and taught what can't be learned from books . . . She gave shape and life to everything she encountered . . . She had love to share and time to spare . . . To me always the new young teacher — some timidity in her approach to me. A gamin with a stubborn will who would fight for what she wanted. A lover of animals who wanted all to be happy with them, she was much responsible for the famous "Taj." Concerned, intense, fun-loving, a scrapper — but considerate and respectful always, Marti will always be remembered by me: there was a special feeling between us and she will always be "my Miss Westaby" . . .

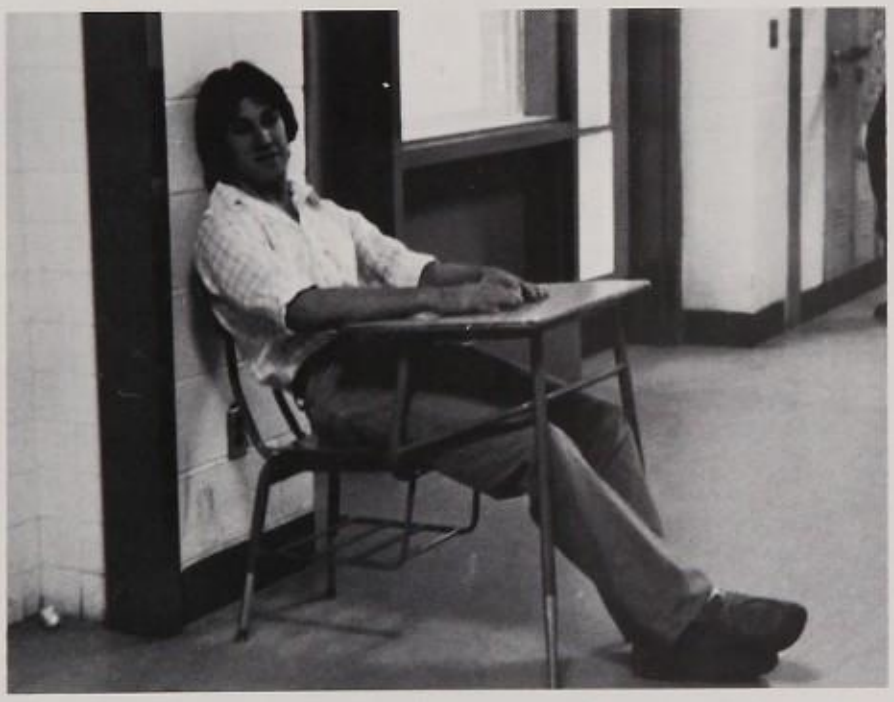
Quo Vadis 1978 is dedicated to Marti Westaby and the ideals that she lived by.

What happens in the interval between orientation and graduation? Hopefully, more than the accumulation of 75 credits and 12 report cards. We as students are much more than just another name on a paper, or another presence in the classroom.

Providing for our social and academic growth, the responsible education system recognizes that we are individuals first. The changes that occur within the school are in response to our individuality, our interest, abilities, and weaknesses.

As examples, innovations in curriculum have resulted in the compensatory program, and the hiring of a job placement counselor. Apart from academics, there are three additional activities, two offered by the science department and one by the math department. The growth of girl's participation in athletics has been responsible for the addition of a Girls' Cross Country Team to the athletics program.

Besides the changes that the school offers, we have much we can offer each other. Our friendships are expressed in ways as individual as we are. Snowball fights, meeting for lunch at McDonald's, shouting encouragements from the sidelines, and managing to slip in four minute conversations between classes evolve into the closeness we eventually share with each other.



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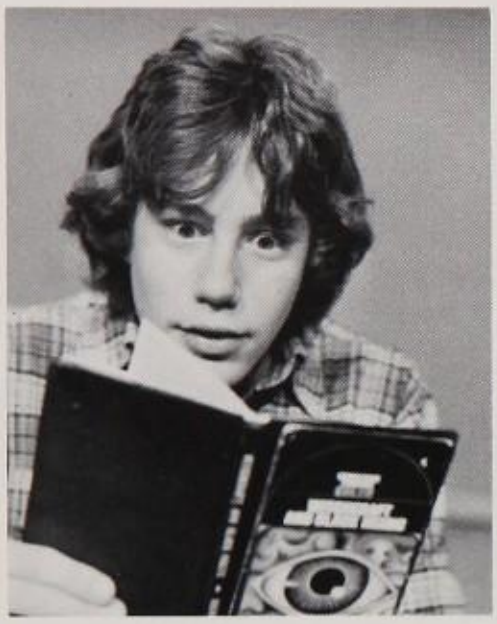


Sophomores

An air of uncertainty filled the sophomore homerooms on September 6, 1977. Moving on from an environment of strict discipline, the Class of 1980 was able to experience the new privileges bestowed upon them at SWMHS.

The sophomore orientation and slide show was the beginning of an eventful year. The assembly was a combination of entertainment and information. Student Council presented a slide show to acquaint the students with different aspects of the school. Dr. Parnell and the class advisors spoke to the class encouraging those present to become involved in school activities, and Quo Vadis showed the sophomores slides of their last days at the Junior High School.

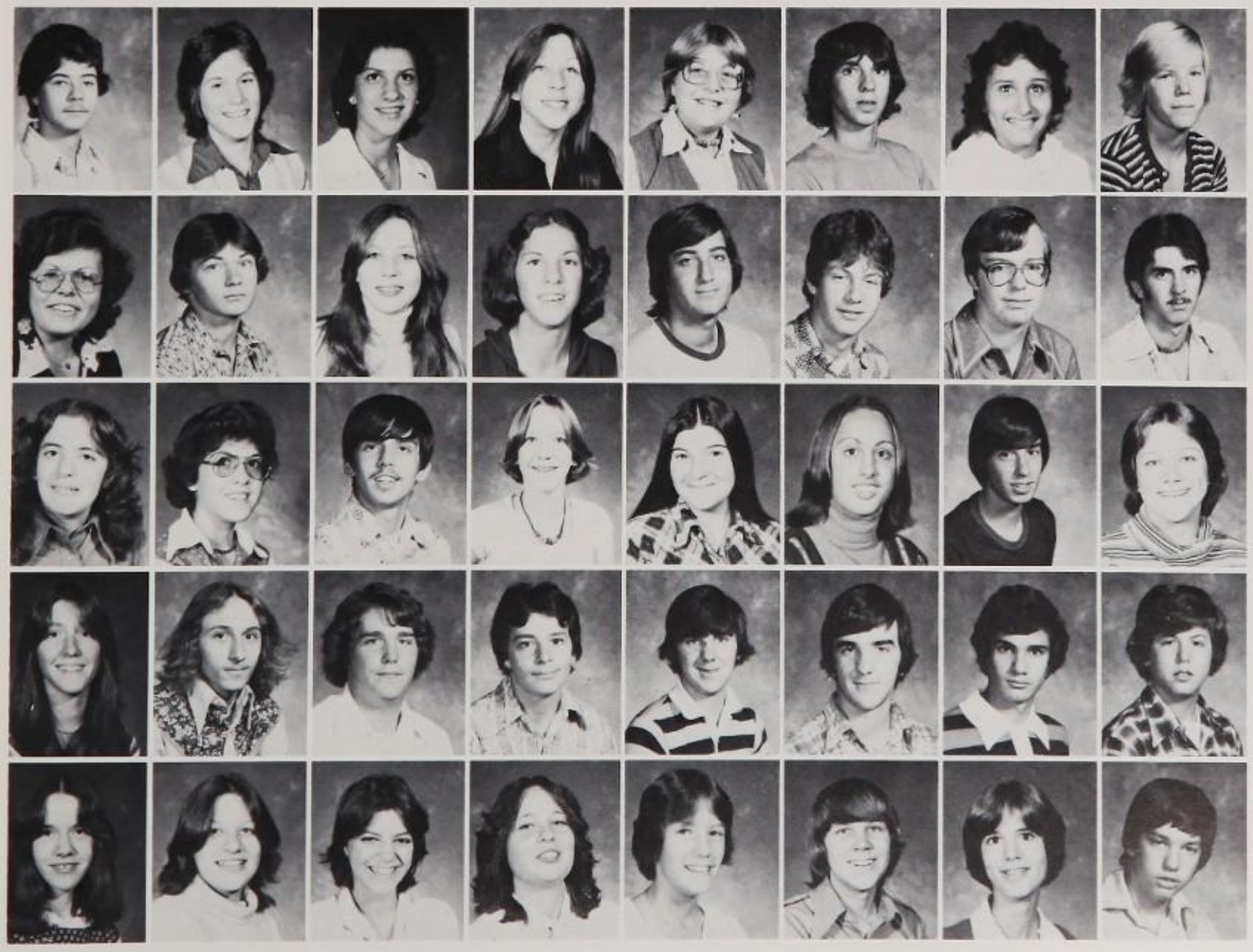
The Class of 80's first major activity was its participation in the Homecoming festivities. The sophomore class theme, "Spring," was creatively depicted by the tradition of children gathered around a maypole on a spring day.

During December, the class sold candy in order to raise money for use in making their three years at the high school successful.

Throughout the year, the sophomores became more aware of the various opportunities that were available to them, and many chose to become involved.

As the year came to a close, the sophomores were fully adjusted to high school life and had successfully overcome the challenges that had faced them from the beginning.

Sophomore Class Officers and Advisors — *Bottom:* Mary Lou Grodzki, Georgine Lomeli, Gerri Delgatto, Amy Nesterwitz. *Top:* Ms. Carla Sutherland, Mrs. Carol Kadi, Miss Kathy Kapica.



Ken Adams, Linda Almeida, Judith Amato, Donna Amorosi, Laurel Anderson, Robert Anderson, Mary Lee Andrades, Gregory Anthony.

Dawn Antonides, David Appel, Amy Appell, Lynn Arkis, Craig Bachman, Danny Badea, Mike Bailey, Dan Baker.

Cheryl Barone, Kim Barone, James Baszak, Angela Batissa, Mary Jo Baumann, Nancy Bayus, Michael Beatrice, Dawn Beauregard.

Denise Bechtle, Charles Belenski, George Bell, Mark Bender, Chris Bentivenga, Sal Bentivenga, Tom Biancamano, Sanford Black.

Ellen Blondin, Lydia Boda, Donna Bodnar, Ellen Bracht, Doreen Bradbury, Barbara Breese, Amy Brent, Bob Brewer.

Underclassmen Dominate Varsity Football

Susan Brinkerhoff, Jeff Brodzinski, Dale Buchberger, Dave Buckalew, Fran Buckley, Steven Bukovec, Yolanda Bukowski, Nancy Burbank.

John Burrets, Robert Butchko, Robert Byrd, Kevin Byrnes, Kevin Cahill, Thomas Callahan, Mike Carlesimo, Audrey Karmin.

Dan Carter, James Cassidy, Al Castagnetta, Santo Castronova, Franci Castronova, Anthony Cavone, Sandra Check, Joanne Chiminitz.

Greg Chudkowski, Joseph Cipriano, Shelley Clark, Kieran Clarke, Steven Cohen, Karen Colacichi, Barbara Colfer, Steve Condiracci.

David Conlon, Cindy Connors, Eric Corman, Jerry Covell, George Coyle, Jim Coyle, Joan Crummy, Diane Cseh.

Richard Curotto, Sherri Cutrona, Amy Dail, Mike Dandorph.

Mary Ellen D'Angelo, Kim Deatherage, Deborah Decker, Gerri Delgatto.

Cheryl Delucia, John Demler, Terry Denby, Timothy Dentz.

Frank Devine, Regina Devine, George DeVoe, Darci DeWorth.

Anthony DiAngelis, Colleen Dolan, Karen Donis, Carolyn Donnamaria.

Underclassmen dominated the varsity football team this year. Sophomores A. Jay Sabine, Kevin Shanley, and Steve Condiracci took over the positions of running backs, quarterback, full and linebacker, respectively.

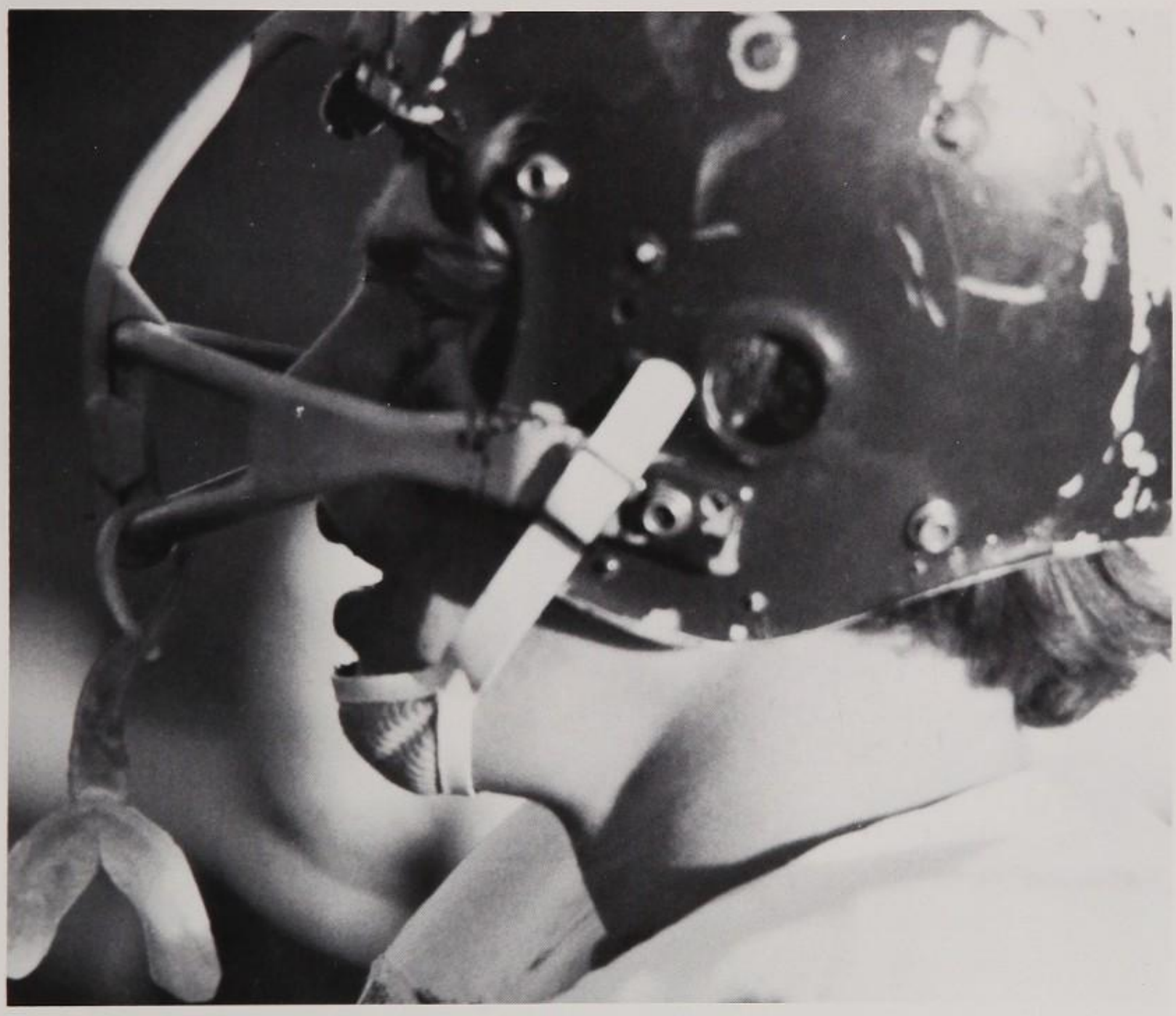
One highlight of the season came when Sabine scored his first varsity touchdown against Madison Central. Despite his excitement, A. Jay says that he "could never have scored without the blocking by my teammates."

Another exciting moment came when Kevin Shanley ran four yards for a touchdown during the Perth Amboy game. Though he did a fine job as quarterback, Kevin hopes to be a running back in his junior and senior years.

Coach Krupinski is highly encouraged by the outstanding performances of these underclassmen, and believes they will do a fine job for the team again next year.

Mark Donnamaria, Lisa Downes, Gail Downie, Mike Drennan, Diane Drotar, Sally Duerr, Sherri Duncan, Carolann Durrua.

Michelle Evans, Michele Evaldi, Sandra Emslie, John Ellis, Dawn Fallon, Lisa Falls, Agnes Farace, Carolyn Fedor.



With an expression of despair, Kevin Shanley watches his teammates push to their utmost.

Lori Fenstermaker, Bill Ference, Lori Ferri, Sue Firestine, Diane Fleischer, John Fogarty, Scott Formica, Margaret Franey.

Pamela Fraykor, Dan Freid, Ruth Fultz, Lois Fusco, Donna Gaasbeck, Nancy Gallo, Mark Garboski, Ricky Garbowski.

Manzo, Black Pearl, Timepiece

Carol Gaul, Ricky Gellis, Frank Genus, Sandra Georgas, Tammy Gerenza, Donna Ginfrida, Terri Gitlen, Alisa Glenn.

Christopher Godrey, Michael Goetz, Michele Golla, Ronald Gomez, Antonio Gonzales, Luis Gonzales, Donna Goskowsky, Pat Grau.

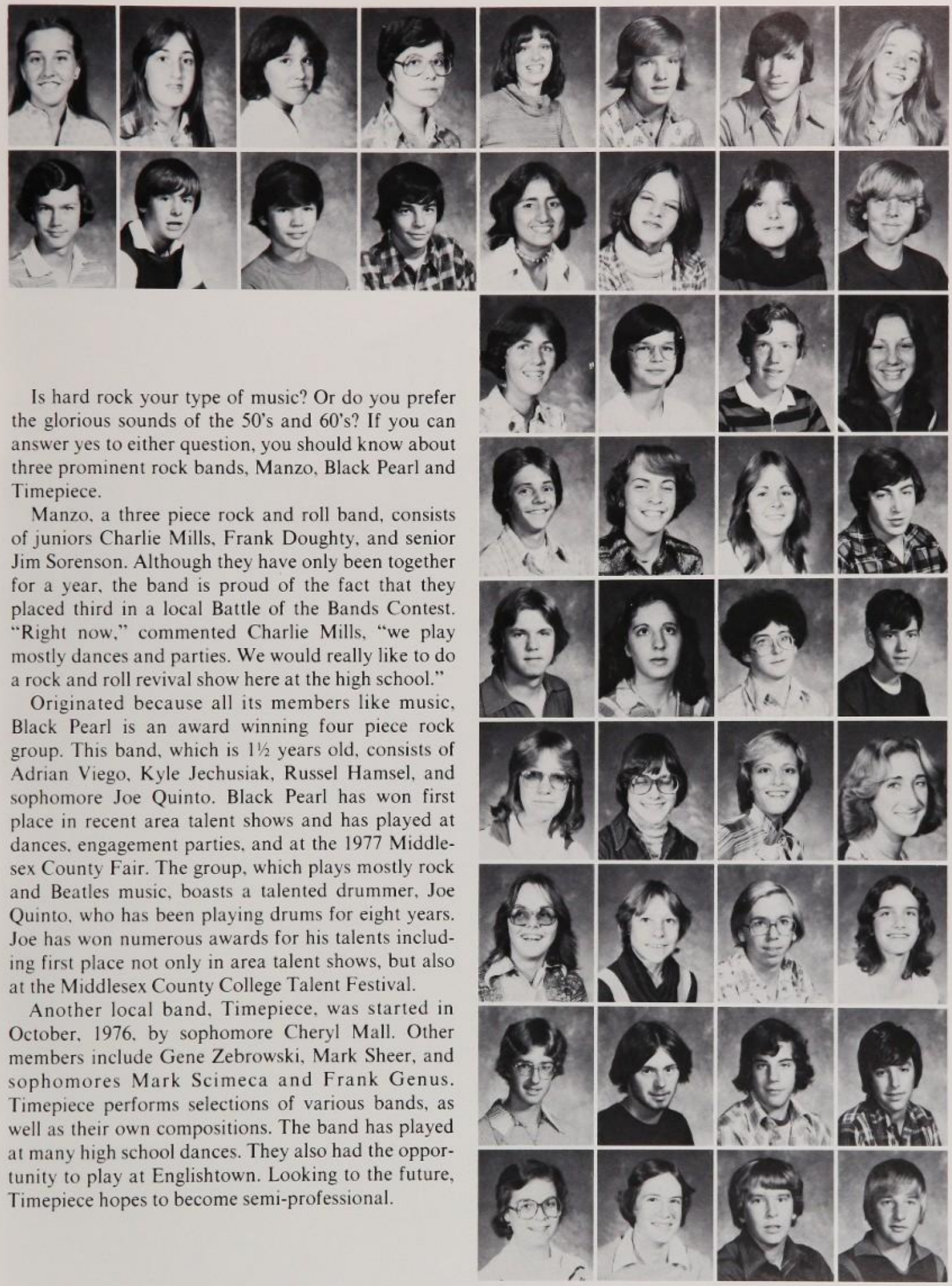
Ann Griffith, MaryLou Grodzki, Chris Grossman, Glen Guido, Maureen Hamma, Lisa Hammer, Susan Hampson, Russell Hansel.

Maria Hauber, James Hauser, Chris Helleland, Mike Henderson, Sherri Lee Henry, Christopher Herrick, Paul Holt, Sidney Hoover.

Dawn Howardson, Karen Hudak, Karen Hunnemeder, Dorothea Hurley, Cynthia Izworski, Nancy Jackowski, Tom Jackowski, Debra Jackubowski.

Charles Jankech, Lynnette Jaremba, Donald Jay, Kathy Jessen, William Johns, Doug Jolly, Richard Jones, George Jorgensen.

The members of "Timepiece" rehearse prior to the National Honor Society dance on October 1st.



Karen Jorgensen, Grace Kalamaras, Vicky Kalinowski, Jackie Kaluzny, Grace Karaffa, David Karlowitz, George Karlowitz, Christy Kaufmann.

Paul Kausch, Robert Keating, Mat Kennedy, James Kenny, Abida Khan, Melicia Kidd, Michele Kiyak, Russ Kjersgaard.

Susan Klein, Steven Klimuszko, Mark Klitzke, Mary Knable.

Mike Knox, Barbara Koch, Susan Kohrmann, Jim Koller.

Scott Kominkiewicz, Randy Korn, Brian Kotsak, Tom Kotula.

Christy Kowalchik, Lynne Kowzan, Marie Kranz, Sandra Krawsek.

Christine Kreiger, Judy Kryzkowski, Peter Kulpa, Cynthia Kupsch.

Gerard Ladzinski, Thomas Laffey, Vincent Lalor, Ian Landsberg.

Christine Lapa, Penny Larsen, Leonard Laskiewicz, Edwin Laubach.

Is hard rock your type of music? Or do you prefer the glorious sounds of the 50's and 60's? If you can answer yes to either question, you should know about three prominent rock bands, Manzo, Black Pearl and Timepiece.

Manzo, a three piece rock and roll band, consists of juniors Charlie Mills, Frank Doughty, and senior Jim Sorenson. Although they have only been together for a year, the band is proud of the fact that they placed third in a local Battle of the Bands Contest. "Right now," commented Charlie Mills, "we play mostly dances and parties. We would really like to do a rock and roll revival show here at the high school."

Originated because all its members like music, Black Pearl is an award winning four piece rock group. This band, which is 1½ years old, consists of Adrian Viego, Kyle Jechusiak, Russel Hamsel, and sophomore Joe Quinto. Black Pearl has won first place in recent area talent shows and has played at dances, engagement parties, and at the 1977 Middlesex County Fair. The group, which plays mostly rock and Beatles music, boasts a talented drummer, Joe Quinto, who has been playing drums for eight years. Joe has won numerous awards for his talents including first place not only in area talent shows, but also at the Middlesex County College Talent Festival.

Another local band, Timepiece, was started in October, 1976, by sophomore Cheryl Mall. Other members include Gene Zebrowski, Mark Sheer, and sophomores Mark Scimeca and Frank Genus. Timepiece performs selections of various bands, as well as their own compositions. The band has played at many high school dances. They also had the opportunity to play at Englishtown. Looking to the future, Timepiece hopes to become semi-professional.

Successful Soccer Clinic Held

James Lauro

Mark Lear

Lori LeBlanc

Bob Leech

Lawrence Lenahan

John Lettiere

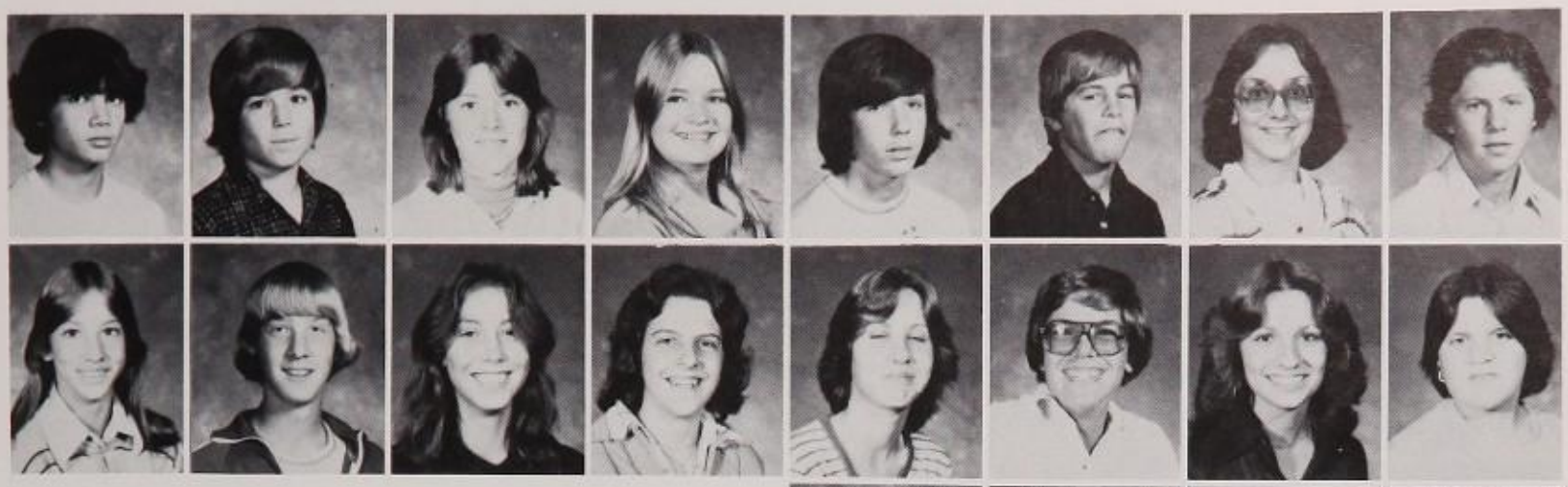
Eileen Licinski

Lisa Liquori

Raina Liszka, William Lockie, Dawn Locklin, Ray Lockwood, William Lockwood, Georgine Lomeli, Laurel Lorenc, James Loughman.

Coleen Lynch, John Lynch, Kitty Lynch, Pam Lynch, William Lyons, Dawn Lytkowski, Randy McArthur, Adrienne McBride.

Above: Les practices his soccer skills in order to better referee for the Soccer League.



Paul McCormack, Joe McDonald, Arlene McDowall, Doreen McGuire, Kevin McKenna, Michael McKeon, Barb McLaughlin, Joyce Maciejewski.

Lisa Magee, Stephen Malik, Madeline Malkiewicz, Cheryl Mall, Raymond Majeski, Suzanne Mansmann, Linda Marrazo, Sharon Marrazza.

Albert Maskall, Steven Masterson, MaryAnn Mathers, Patrick Matthews.

Last fall proved to be a great experience for sophomore Les Morgan, who was a referee for the Sayreville recreation soccer league. Les coached groups of boys and girls, ages six to fourteen, during September and November.

In August, a clinic run by Frank Marchesi welcomed any interested adults and high school students who wanted to learn the fundamentals of coaching and "refing." Another clinic was started for boys and girls who wanted to learn the rules and skills of the game. It was obvious how successful the clinic was by the excellent turn-out.

For four weeks, Les, along with sophomores Frank DeVine and Joe Nehila, and junior Neil Trainer, helped the Cosmos and Aztecs better understand and improve their game.

John McCormack, head of the recreation department, along with Mr. Marchesi, set up the league.

To keep the pressures of competition out, no prizes were awarded, and, since the borough paid for the league, there were no sponsors.

Bob Matuszewski, Antoinette Mazzara, Eric Meakem, Steve Medlin.

Sandy Megill, Lori Mehl, Ronald Meltreder, Edward Meise.

Larry Meise, Paul Merski, Keith Mervin, Shelley Meyer.

Donna Miara, Michael Miglin, Stephen Miglin, Kimberly Milana.

Jeff Miller, Leigh Miller, Judy Mills, Lori Mills, Marie Minnella, Joseph Miranda, Fred Moore, Kevin Moran.

Lester Morgan, Joseph Morizio, Raymond Muller, Theresa Muller, David Mulligan, John Mureski, Charles Nafus, Linda Nagle.

Lynn Nahai, Ronald Nash, Barbara Natoli, Joe Nehila, Amy Nesterwitz, Mike Novak, Ralph Novak, Joanne Ochman.

Musical Talents Abound

Mary Odolecki, Eileen O'Leary, Scott Oliver, Paul Olsvary.

Donna O'Neill, William O'Neill, Anthony Onifer, Patricia Osborne.

John Owens, Isabel Pacheco, Ed Paczkowski, Jackie Pagliuco.

Debbie Pariso, Steven Parker, Liz Parkinson, Jean Pavlik.

Scott Pearson, Gwen Pedersen, Laura Pennington, Walter Pennington.

Pamela Petersen, Craig Peterson, Theresa Petrozzi, Jerry Petti.

Bob Phillip, Shelley Pickus, Theresa Pilot, James Piskorski.

Rick Plewa, Kevin Podlesny, Denise Poignant, Elizabeth Polihrom.

Michael Porpora, Lisa Port, Mark Powell, Stephen Pretti, Pamela Prusecki, AnnMarie Prtel, Thomas Pytel, Frank Quattrocchi.

Joseph Quinto, PattiJean Rankin, Nancy Rarus, Betty Rathbun, Donna Ravaioli, Grace Recallo, Frank Redding, Pat Reese.

After many long hours of practice, four musical underclassmen are now finding the rewards that time and effort can bring. These underclassmen, juniors Adele Mongioi and Dennis Nowak, and sophomores Pat Grau and Lori Mehl, spend many hours after school in the auditorium practicing and rehearsing selections of various types of music.

After winning the Sayreville Recreation Department Talent Show and placing third in the Middlesex County Fair Talent Show, Adele realized that her time spent on improving her voice had finally paid off. Adele also had the opportunity to sing a solo for the audience at the school's Christmas Concert.

After seven years of lessons in Classical and Popular music, Dennis performed well enough to win the Sayreville Recreation Department Talent Show from 1975-1977 in the Piano division. He also competed in the Middlesex County Fair Talent Show in August and in the First Annual Piano & Organ Contest last October. He placed second in both. For the future, Dennis plans to major in music, become a concert pianist, and also continue playing the guitar.

With no lessons, Pat began singing in public in third grade. She competed in the Talent Expo held at Brunswick Square Mall last spring. She also did a fine job when she sang the National Anthem at this year's Boys' Gymnastics State Final, held at SWMHS. Pat is planning a career in popular music, and she hopes to go to the Herbert Berghof Studio for Theater and Voice in New York City.

Since she started playing the organ in 1974, Lori has won awards in two contests. She placed second to Dennis Nowak in the Sayreville Recreation Department Talent Show. She won first place in the First Annual Wurlitzer Piano & Organ Contest, and has also competed in the Talent Expo in Brunswick Square Mall. Lori hopes to continue with lessons and competing, and make a career out of her music.

Finding the auditorium empty one afternoon, Pat, Adele, and Lori harmonize as Dennis plays the piano.

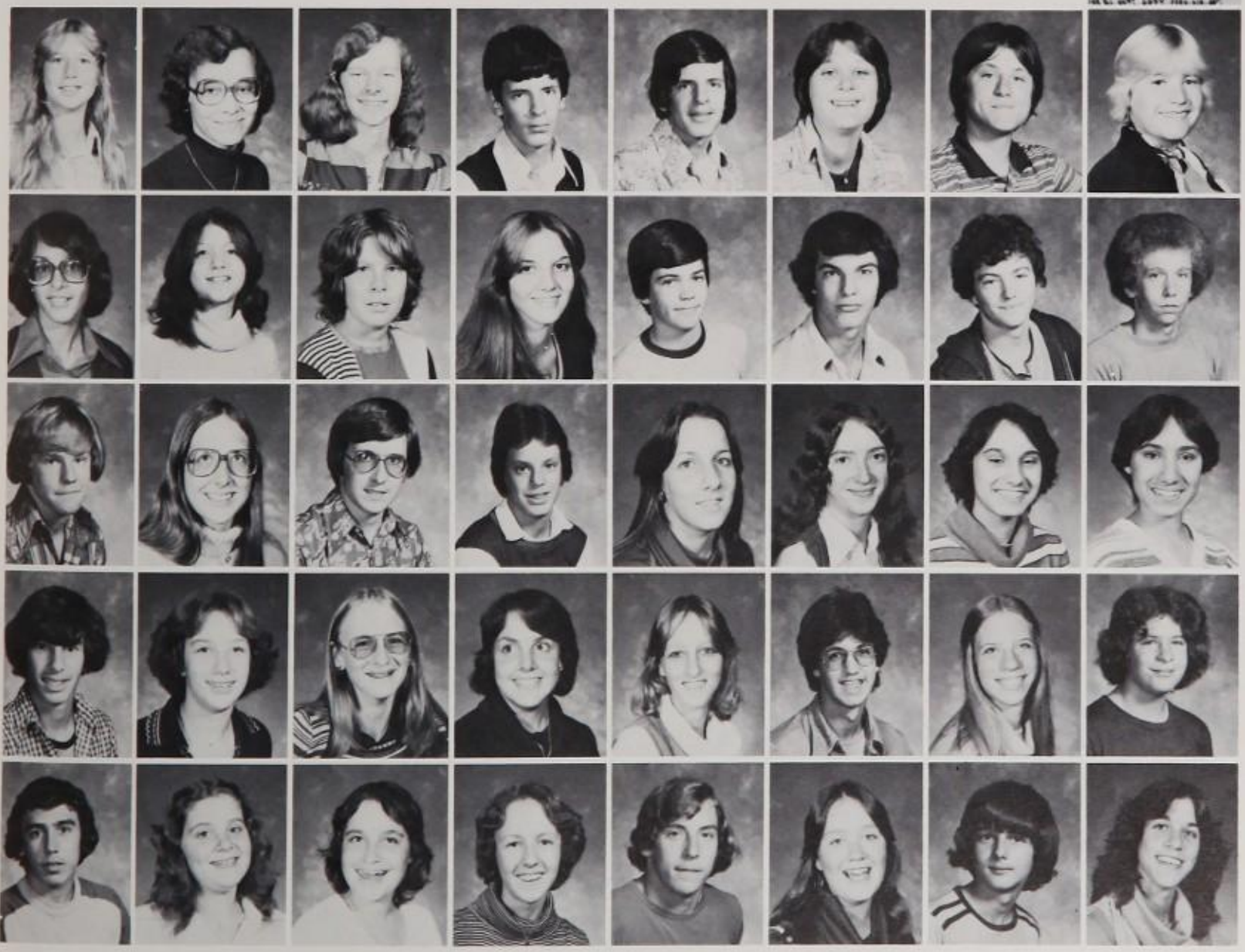
Marie Rella

Marc Remo

Thomas Rinaldi

Cindy Ritter

Keith Roberts



Linda Rogers, Patricia Rojewski, Paula Rojewski, James Rolzhausen, Robert Rolzhausen, Joyce Roman, Michael Roman, Kathy Romer.

Lori Rosenkopf, Claudia Rumpf, Gary Russell, Maureen Russo, Brendan Ryan, Mark Ryan, Pat Ryan, Richard Sabb.

Andrew Sabine, JoAnn Samuel, Michael Samuel, Joseph Sardoni, Sharon Satorski, Maryellen Saunders, Debra Scala, Denise Scala.

Vincent Schicchi, Lois Schmalz, Kim Schneider, Sue Schneider, Janet Schultz, Rich Schwaemmle, Lynn Schwankert, Charles Scillia.

Bob Seminaro, Donna Senkeleski, Deborah Sessa, Laura Shabatun, Kevin Shanley, Janet Sharrock, Chester Sigmund, Christine Silletti.

Mark Simko, Gerald Simon.

David Singer, Kevin Sinka.

Tracey Skarzynski, Alex Skorupa.

Gary Skwiat, Diane Smierzynski.

Thomas Smith, John Sobiranski.

Glenn Soika, Christopher Sopris.

Dave Soto, Debra Spicer, Veronica Spolowitz, Robin Stacy, Scott Stamper, Richard Starek, Linda Stary, Lisa Stollar.

Joel Stolte, Stanley Sudnick, Ken Sudnickovich, Wilford Sutthill, Dave Sutton, James Sweeney, Susan Sweeney, Michele Szawaryn.

Robert Szot, John Tarnacki, Mary Tauber, Brian Teeter, Thomas Thasites, Robin Therien, Carla Thomsen, Michael Tischler.

Allen Tomko, Brenda Tomkoski, Lisa Toth, Jeff Turback, Eileen Ulrich, Maria Vaccaro, Mickey Van Fossen, Bobby Vasquez.

Above: During a free gym period, Sandy Check obviously finds something amusing in her English book.

Mark Veltre, William Vicino, Daniel Volker, Jeffrey Volosin, Theodore Vontish, Glenn Wagner, Wally Wagner, Sharon Walas.

Kathleen Walsh, Martin Walters, Steven Wands, Kevin Wangerien, John Waskis, Kim Weis, Cathy White, Anthony Wiamer.

Sandra Wille, David Wines, Sharon Winters, John Wisniewski, Lori Wisniewski, Garry Wolf, Eric Wolfarth, Victor Wolski.

Darlene Wojcik, Leslie Wolk, Nina Worobey, Joanne Wos, Keith Wren, Sally Wright, Robin Young, Maria Zabaleta.

Michele Zaleski, William Zaleski.

Michele Zaleskin, Jeanne Ziola.

Dawn Zollinger, Charlotte Zubeck.

Geraldine Zuccaro.

Left: Albert Castagnetta makes the proper lighting adjustments while working backstage during the Fall Drama.

Upon entering the cafeteria on October 13, 1977, it was evident that something out of the ordinary was taking place. After the long wait for the arrival of their school rings, the juniors again waited . . . this time inches away from their rings!

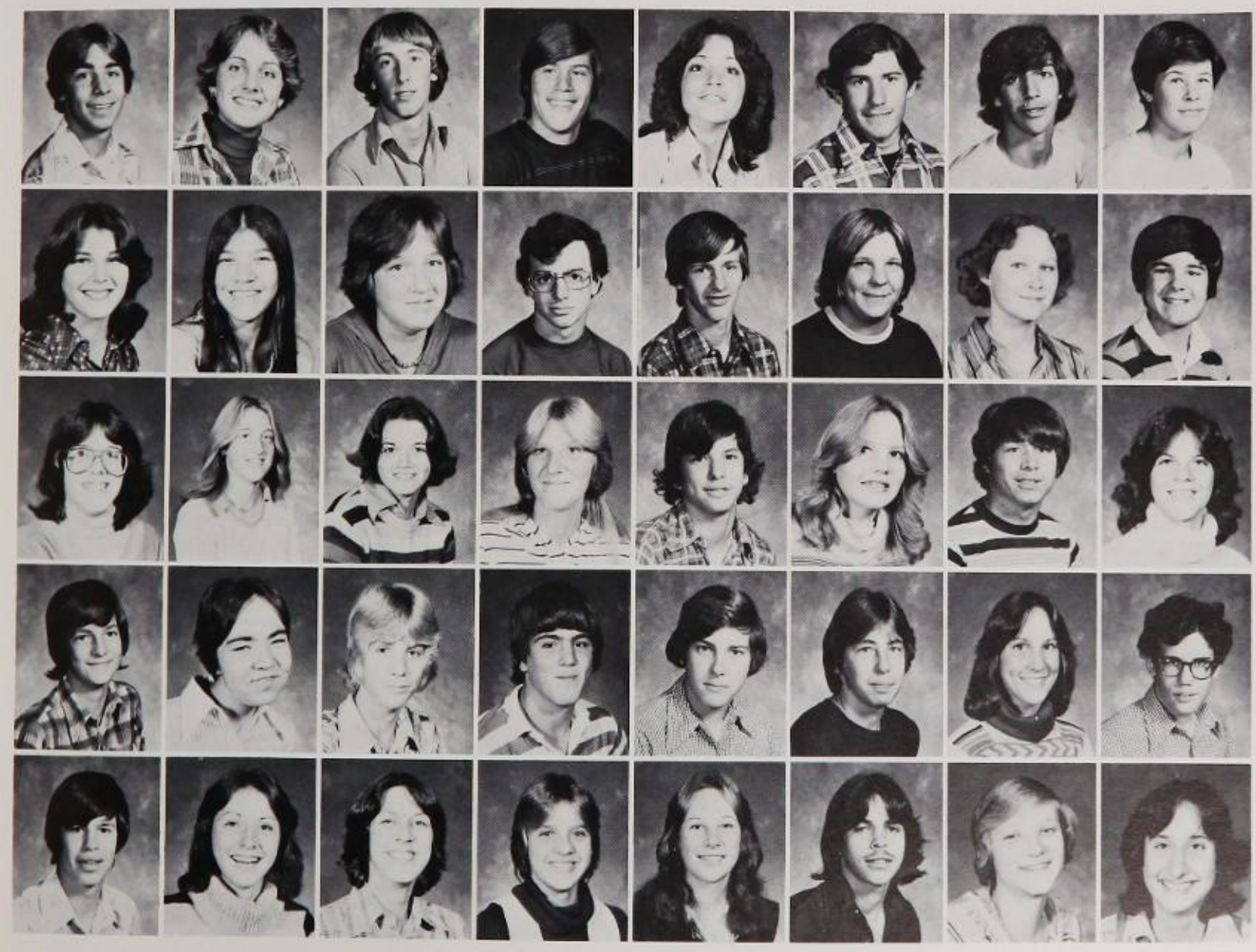
The junior class participated in the Homecoming events, as their float, picturing the 1976 Winter Olympics, was displayed in the stadium. The money raised in other activities, such as car washes, candy sales, and the sale of '79 pins, will be used for their senior year.

The junior class also had the privilege of aiding fellow classmate Mary Jane Briody as she made her way to California to represent our school in the AAU Cross Country Meet.

Preparations for the Junior Prom began early in November. The continual planning by the class officers and advisors made the evening surely a night to be remembered.

Juniors

Bottom: Mr. Doll, Mary Jane Briody, Gina Guerrieri, Mrs. Logan, June Carnegie. *Top:* Mr. Horvath, Miss. Kaminski, John Salvatore.



John Accurso, Judi Adams, Greg Aich, Doug Albert, Gina Alfonso, Larry Alster, Raymond Amato, Keith Antonides.

Robin Armus, Elizabeth Ashe, Margaret Ballo, John Barbella, Mike Barfield, John Bartlinski, Julia Beebe, Mike Bentivenga.

Laure Benulis, Joan Benzinger, Faith Berecsky, Tracy Berg, Allan Black, Denise Bloodgood, Kevin Bloodgood, Kim Booth.

John Bouthillette, Jane Bowie, Warren Bradbury, Robert Brand, Greg Brego, Charles Breitweiser, Karen Brent, Andrew Brereton.

Thomas Brien, Mary Jane Briody, Beth Brocato, June Brodniak, Beverly Brown, John Bruno, Cheryl Brys, Linda Burgermeister.

Rolling on to Success

Robert Burke, Greg Burns, Andrea Burrell, Karen Businski.

Linda Callahan, Timothy Callahan, Maria Cannata, Jody Caputo.

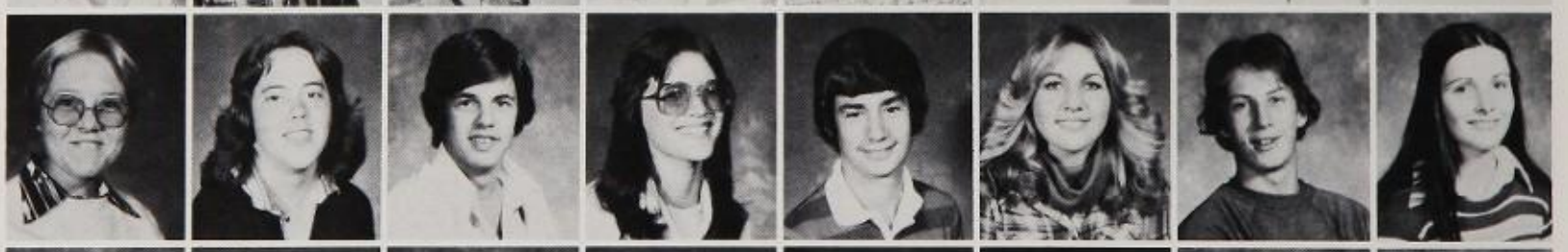
Anthony Carlo, June Carnegie, David Carney, Anita Carstens.

Sue Casano, Nancy Casazza, Jeanne Cassidy, Alison Cenci.

William Certo, Doris Chambers, Terry Cherney, Anna Chi.

Janice Chiavacci, Charles Chiminitz, Lin Jen Chow, Mike Chrysanthopoulous, Chris Cieslarczyk, John Clark, Patricia Clune, Debbie Colacichi.

Robin Collier, Jeanne Coman, Brian Cook, Jackie Coughlin, Glenn Cowan, Darlene Coyle, Mark Coyle, Jerrie Crespo.



Robert Cuomo, Cynthia Cutrona, Richard Cyr, Alan Czarnecki, Diane D'Ambra, Rocco D'Antuono, Jeff Decker, John DeFilippis.

Joseph Del Duca, Donna Delia, Edward Delmotte, Robert Delucia, John DeMild, John Deryn, Phil DeSpirito, Gregory Devine.

John Devlin, Cathy DeVries, Karen Di Benedetto, Anthony DiPaolo, Stephen Dix, Mary Beth Dodge, Maureen Doherty, James Domino.

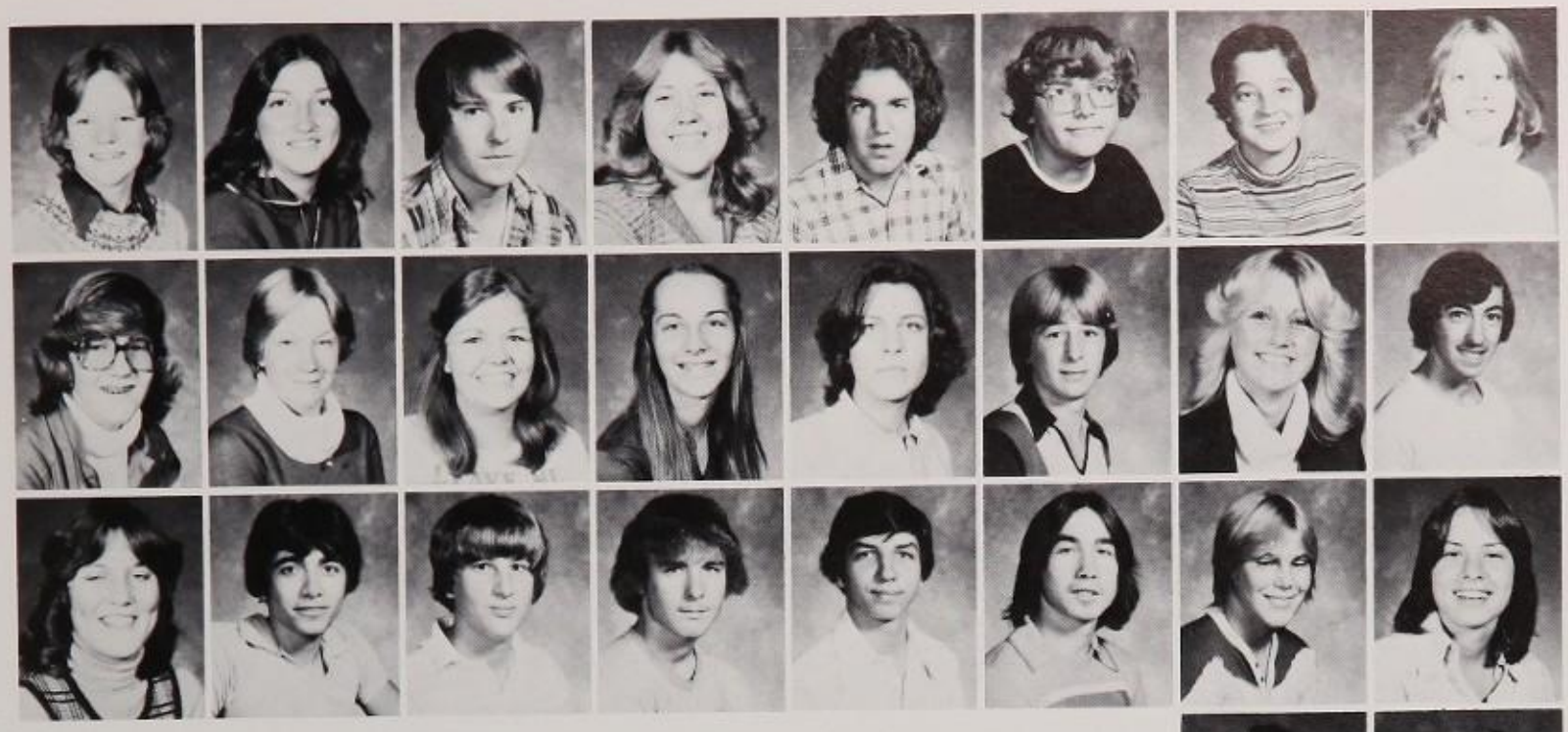
While we all look forward to our summer vacation, Kim Sciarrillo and Dawn Stowers, competitive roller skaters representing South Amboy Skating Club, look ahead to July and August, when they will meet their top competitors in the two major roller skating meets of the year.

After skating for five years, Kim now follows a practice schedule of about 26 hours per week. Her major accomplishments include a first place in the Eastern Regional Championship last July, followed by a fourth place in the National Championship held in Ft. Worth, Texas, last August. Kim has also won first place in five local championships this year.

Dawn has been skating for six years. In 1975, she was awarded the Freestyle Trophy, and in 1976, the Figure Trophy by the South Amboy Skating Club for her diligent practice and attitude toward the sport. Dawn practices about 21 hours a week. She was a champion in last year's Regional Championship, when she won a silver medal for her second place and was also a competitor in Ft. Worth, Texas.

While many of us enjoy extra-curricular activities after school, these two girls enjoy what they both do so often and so well.

Practice Leads to Success



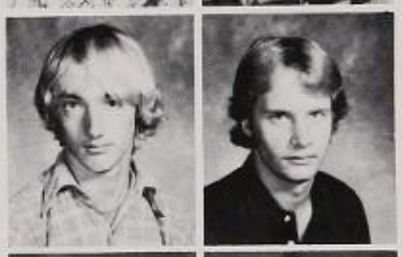
Debbie Donahue, Karen Doyle, Eugene Duggan, Arleen Dunwald, Bill Durrua, Ronald Dziekan, Susan Earle, Daryll Eck.

Karen Edgington, Nancy Edgington, Betty English, Bridget Eska, Lynn Fanok, Glenn Farfel, Joanne Farley, Charles Fauci.

Suzanne Fehr, Antonio Felicetta, Richard Ferenci, Robert Fisher, William Fitting, James Fitzgerald, Robert Flanagan, Susan Fleming.

Helen Fletcher, Robert Florenzie.

Sandra Forster, Bill Franey.



Barry Frank, Ken Freid.

Karyn Frezzi, Suzanne Fuoti.

Dan Gadziala, Gail Gallagher.

Frank Gasparro, Liz Gazzale.

Ann Marie Geiger, Marilyn Ghigliotti.

Award Winning Essayists

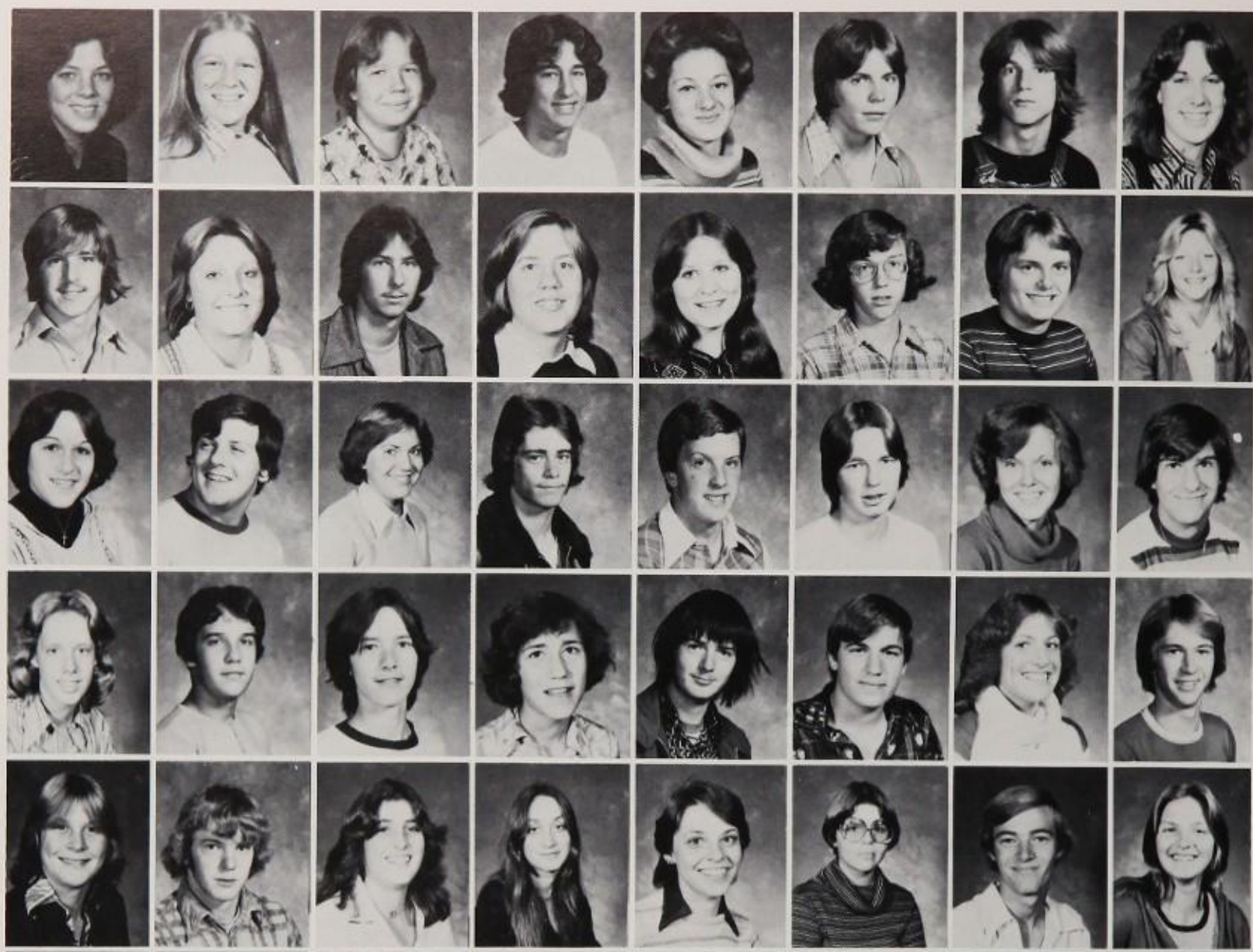
Victoria Giles, Eileen Gitlen, Debbie Golaszewski, David Gomez, Julia Gomez, Edward Gorczynski, Bob Gordon, Kathy Gorman.

Robert Gostkowski, Denise Grabowski, Mark Gregor, Susan Grenier, Lynn Gross, Richard Grossweiler, James Grote, Linda Grover.

Gina Guerrieri, George Gulick, Lori Haber, Keith Haglegans, Dennis Hahn, James Haley, Linda Hammer, Louis Hammond.

Barbara Hansel, Craig Hartman, George Hastie, Jamie Heims, Kevin Herbert, Bob Herbst, Mary Heussner, Joe Hickey.

Mona Hickson, Don Himmelreich, Jackie Hogaboom, Melanie Hohsfield, Kim Howardson, Sandra Huff, Gerald Hunkele, Judith Hunter.



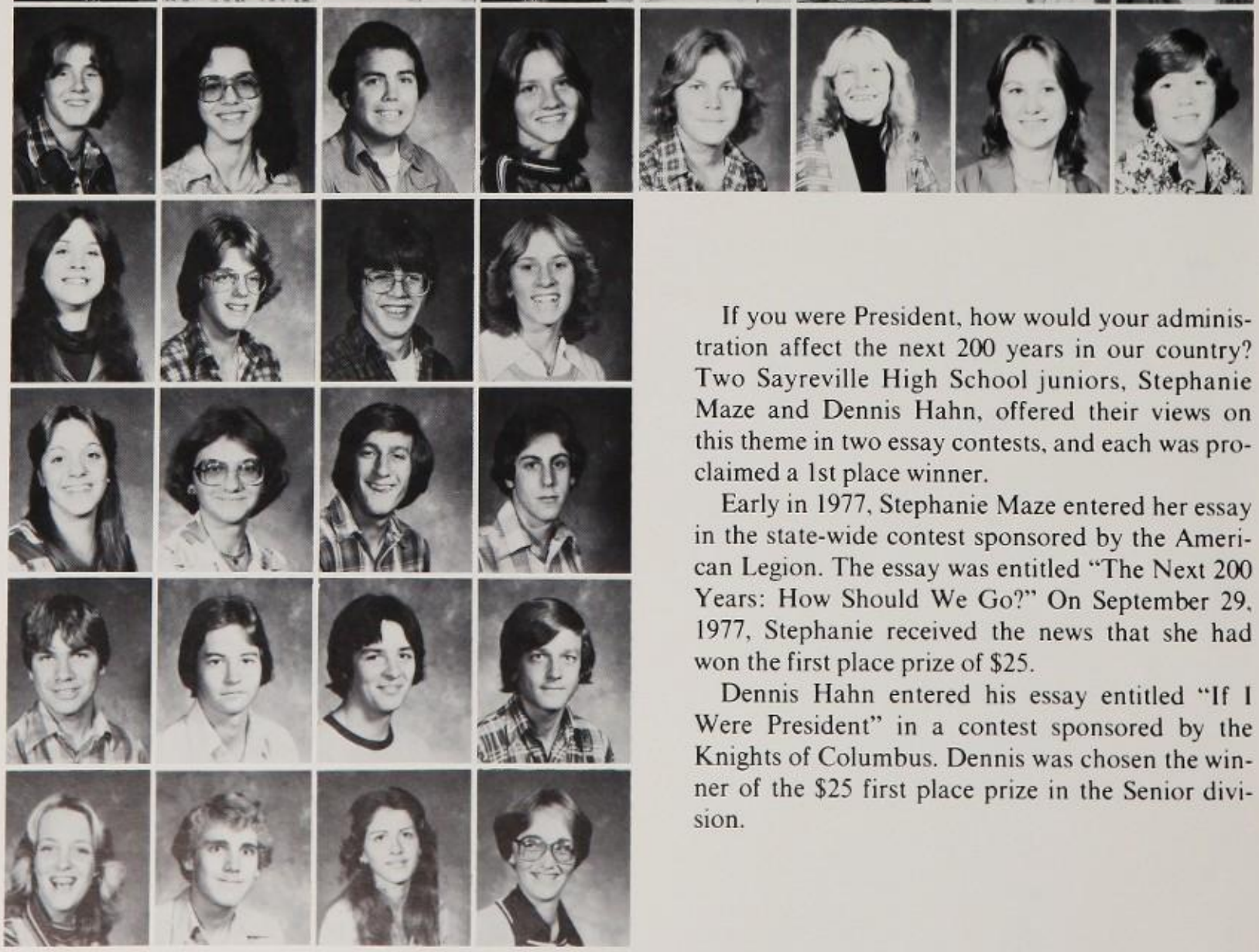
Chris Innes, Jackie Iorio, Pastor Izaguirre, Connie Izworski, James Jadacki, Lisa Jankech, Lillian Janosko, Latitia Jarvis.

Cindy Johnson, David Jolly, Mark Jones, Stephenie Jones.

Lori Josso, Christine Jourdan, Ralph Jurkiewicz, Jeff Kabat.

Philip Kaeser, Mark Kaletski, Kevin Kantor, David Katko.

Liz Keating, Robert Keating, Kim Kedzierski, Cathy Kelleher.



If you were President, how would your administration affect the next 200 years in our country? Two Sayreville High School juniors, Stephanie Maze and Dennis Hahn, offered their views on this theme in two essay contests, and each was proclaimed a 1st place winner.

Early in 1977, Stephanie Maze entered her essay in the state-wide contest sponsored by the American Legion. The essay was entitled "The Next 200 Years: How Should We Go?" On September 29, 1977, Stephanie received the news that she had won the first place prize of $25.

Dennis Hahn entered his essay entitled "If I Were President" in a contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Dennis was chosen the winner of the $25 first place prize in the Senior division.

Linda Kemmerer, Judith Kennedy, Susan Kiernan, Maryann Kierst, David King, David Kinsel, Thomas Kirk, Charles Klauder.

John Klein, Tracey Kleinow, Cathy Klosek, Sue Knast, John Koblos, Betty Kocsis, Joseph Koledits, Diane Konopka.

Gail Kontos, Karen Kozinski, Teresa Kraivec, George Krall, John Kreush, Kathleen Kriss, Gary Krolik, Gary Krumbine.

Award-winning essayists, Stephanie and Dennis, begin work on their Seminar in British Literature research paper.

Mary Kryzkowski, Karen Kuchta, Eugene Kuligowski, Karen Kurczeski, Paul Kwiatkowski, Susan Kwiatkowski, Tony Kwiatkowski, Janet Kwiecinski.

State Introduces New Driving Laws

Laura Labassi, David LaBerge, Thomas Lakomski, Karen Lasko, Marc Lasko, Jane Latham, Janice Lawson, Joe Lenahan.

Todd Levine, Cindy Lichtenstein, Pamela Lichtenstein, Steve Licinski, Robert Lockwood, Janet Longo, Susan Lovely, Mike Lowery.

Daniel Luther, Richard Lykin, Gary Lyon, Mary Lee Lytkowski, Robert Lytkowski, Debbie McCormack, Joe McCoy, Linda McDermott.

Eileen McDowall, Harry McGowan, Denise McGrath, Scott McGrath, Karen McGuffey, Brian McMillen, Melinda McSpadden, Eileen MacKay.

Donna Mahn, Sue Malaspina, Robert Malik, Nancy Malkiewicz, Sue Mandel, Debra Mannell, Claudia Marchesani, Mike Marcinczyk.

The simulator room provides a close to real life driving situation to prepare students for behind-the-wheel.

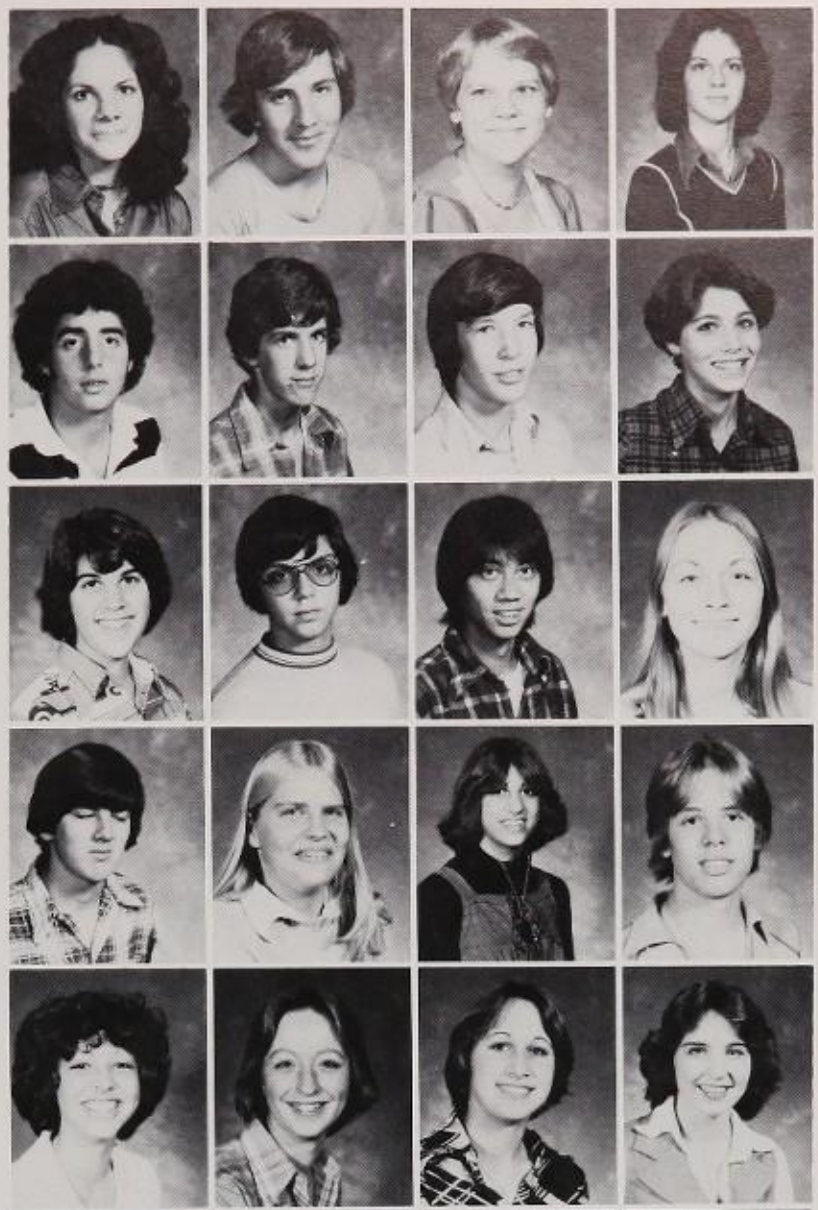
In the near future, many more faculty parking spaces will be taken up by student cars due to the new driving laws permitting 16½ year olds to drive.

After successfully completing behind-the-wheel, simulators, and the state driver's ed test, students may obtain their permits. They are limited to driving between sunrise and sunset, and they must be accompanied by a licensed driver with three years driving experience. At age 17, the student is scheduled for the road test.

The purpose of this new law is to provide more time for practice driving and, therefore, help to develop more competence among young drivers. Lowering the age for the special permit will also reduce the scheduling problems experienced by the high school Driver-Ed Program.

The point system has also been revised so that points are more closely related to the seriousness of the violation. Three points are deducted from a driver's record for each year of violation-free driving.

Through the enforcement of this new law, the authorities hope to be able to identify and treat problem drivers before their illegal driving becomes out of hand.



Kim Marfan, Jeff Marko, Catherine Martin, Ellen Marzullo.

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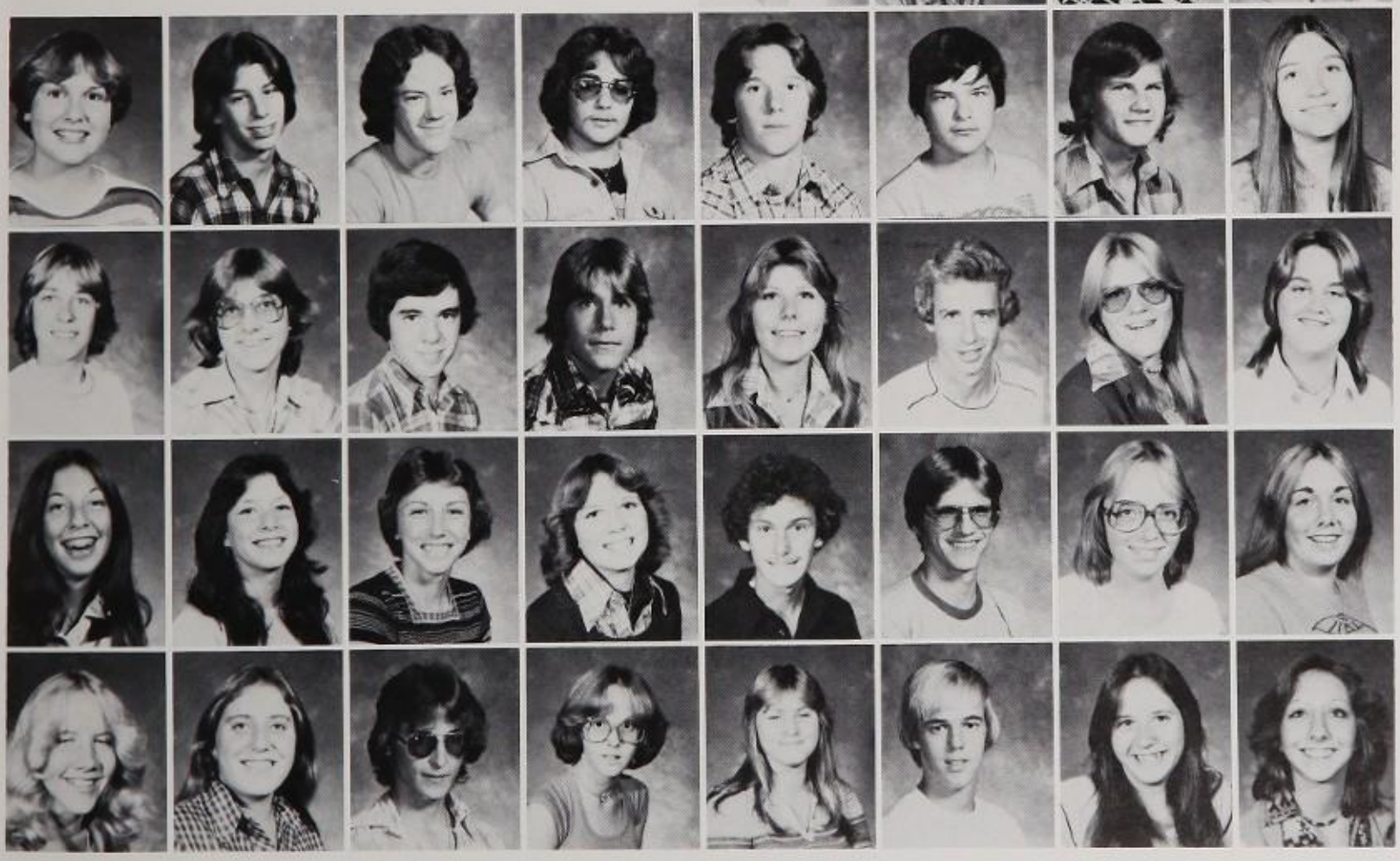

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Beth Newman, Suzanne Nieto, Madelyn Noe, Robin Novak, John Noviski, Dennis Nowak, Nancy Nowicki, Susan Nowicki.

Arline Nykvist, Jeryl Oberlander, John Ochman, Patricia O'Connell, Robin Ogborne, Thomas O'Leary, Donna Oleksza, Carol Orlando.

Briody Runs in National AAU

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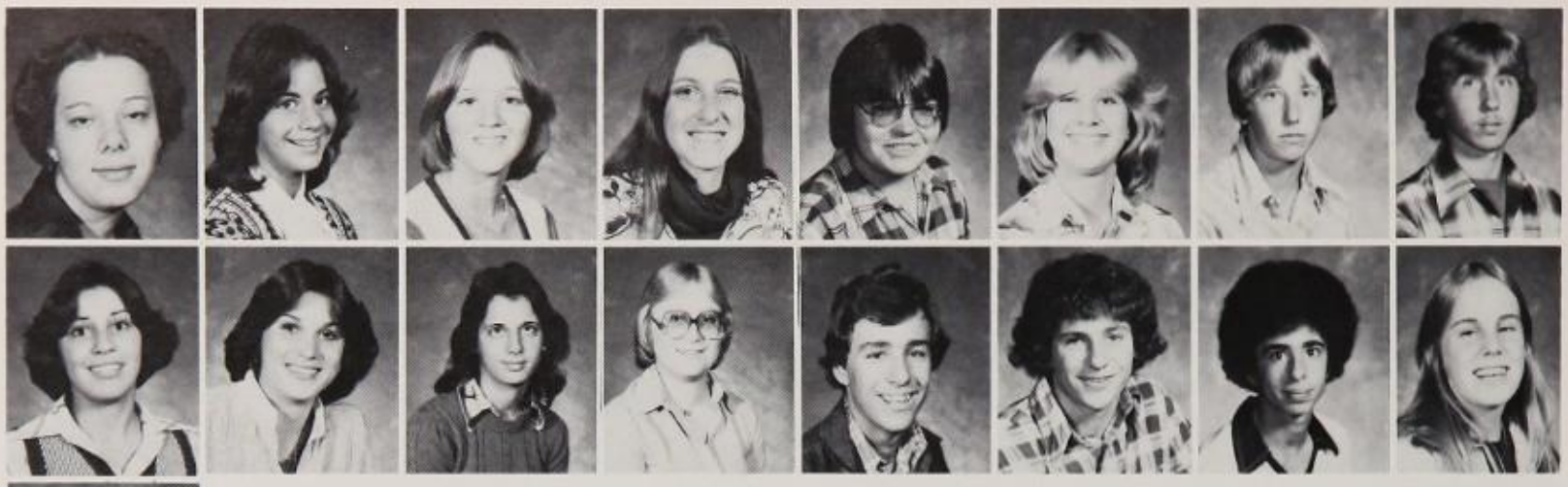

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John Plawski

Grace Pohl

Anastasi Polihrom

James Polites

Barbara Pollard

Doreen Posik

Susan Poweski

Donna Prusakowski

Mary Jane displays the traditional "#1 popsicle stick" that she consistently won throughout the season.

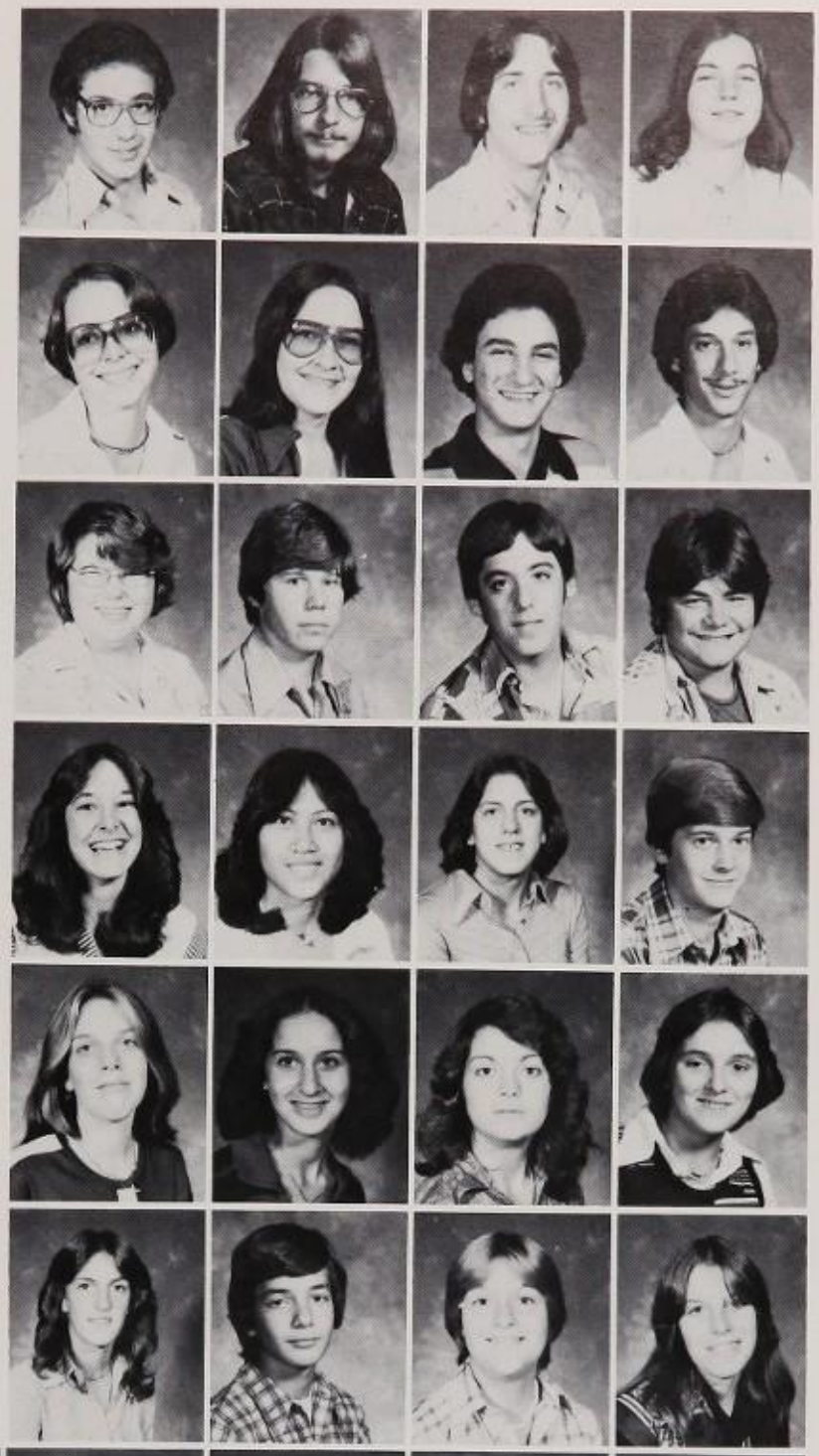
A year ago, the closest Mary Jane Briody got to the AAU was reading about it in the newspaper. Because of her exceptional talent, however, Mary Jane was invited to participate in the National AAU Cross Country Meet held last November in San Bernadino, California, representing the Shore Athletic Club.

During the Cross Country season, Mary Jane's other achievements included placing 2nd in the county, 3rd in the Central Group 4, 3rd in the Group 4, and 8th in the State Competition. After traveling across the United States, and although feeling unprepared to run in the warmer climate, Mary Jane placed 30th.

In December, Mary Jane was also advised that her outstanding talent got her a spot on the First Team All-County Cross Country Team.

Though she also runs winter and spring track, Mary Jane enjoys Cross Country the most, because she likes distance running.

Mary Jane enjoys running Cross Country because she feels "it is an individual sport, in which you run against yourself and try to improve your own time." In practice it is a team effort — you have to push each other. However, when you reach the starting line, "it's up to you as an individual."



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Debra Richel, Veronica Rilveria, Lisa Rispoli, Ken Romer.

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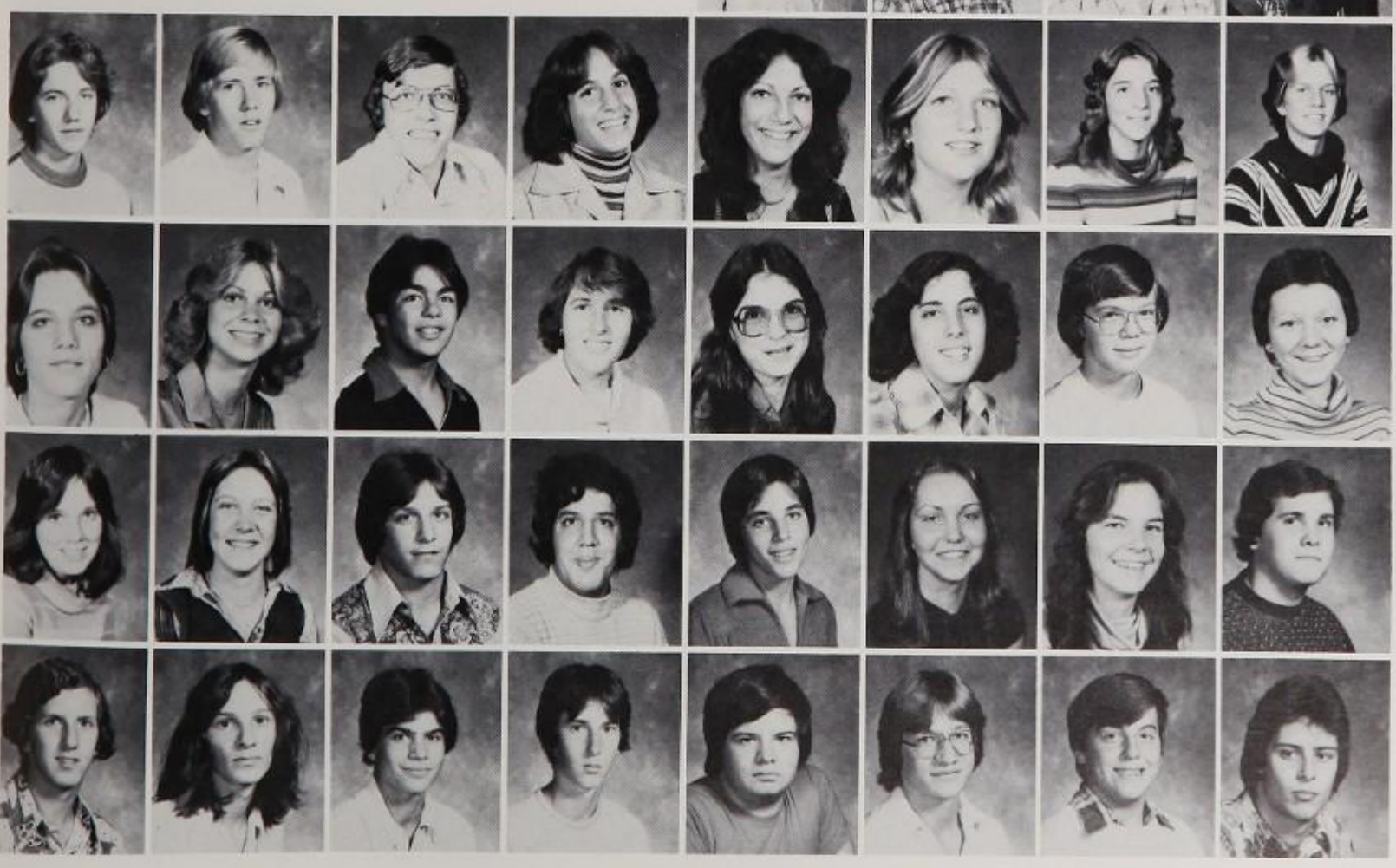

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Mary Sears, Nancy Sedlak, Gary Seitis, Vincent Servedio, Paul Shapiro, Kathy Shymanski, Sharon Siarniak, Jeff Sica.

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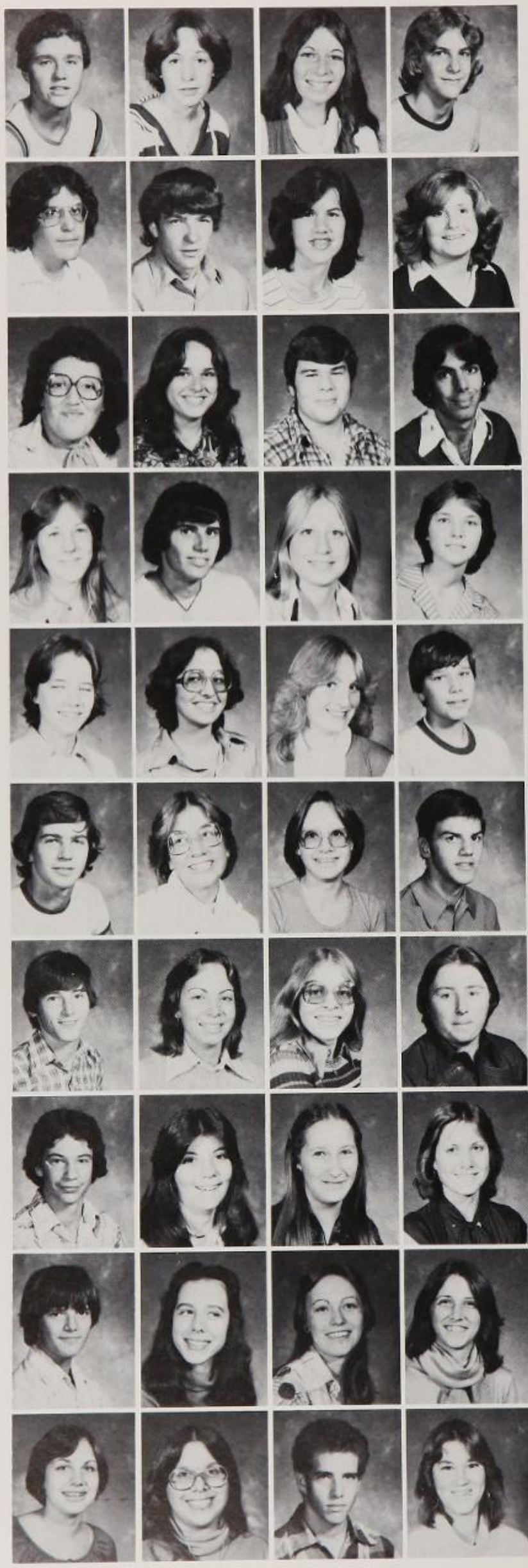
Multi-Talented Actor-Athlete



Stephen Smierzynski, Diane Smith, Donna Smith, Kyle Smith.

Marc Spiegel, Mark Sobol, MaryLynn Sollecito, Barbara Sotile.

Gloria Soto, Maria Soto, Mark Starek, Dan Stecky.

Dawn Stowers, Dan Strika, Caroline Syslo, Lori Szatkowski.

Ann Marie Szczepanik, Deborah Taormina, Lisa Tevis, Thomas Peake.

Brian Tkatch, Cindy Tobias, Christine Tomkoski, George Totin.

Neil Trainer, Carolyn Trawinski, Debra Trickel, Timothy Triggs.

Robert Triggs, Della Marie Truppo, Susan Twardos, Jo Anne Uhrig, Scott Unkel, Jeanine Van Wagenen, Eric Veit, Danny Viego.

Roger Vincent, Kathy Viner, Carrie Ward, Liz Ward, James Weber, Joseph Weber, Loretta Weinman, Richard Weinman.

Joy Wendler, Heidi Weshnak, Timothy Whitaker, Margaret Williams, Lee Wilson, Cheryl Wishney, Mark Wisnewski, Michael Wisnowski.

His name might be familiar from last spring's Boys' Tennis roster. Yet, despite the fact that the tennis courts and auditorium stage are at opposite ends of the building, multi-talented John DeFilippis is at home on both.

Currently enrolled in Theater I, John attributed his interest partly to friend Bruce Mast who has been involved since sophomore year. "It was something I always wanted to try," John explained, "and I knew Bruce had enjoyed doing it." This interest led John to secure the lead role in "Dial M for Murder," the very first play he auditioned for.

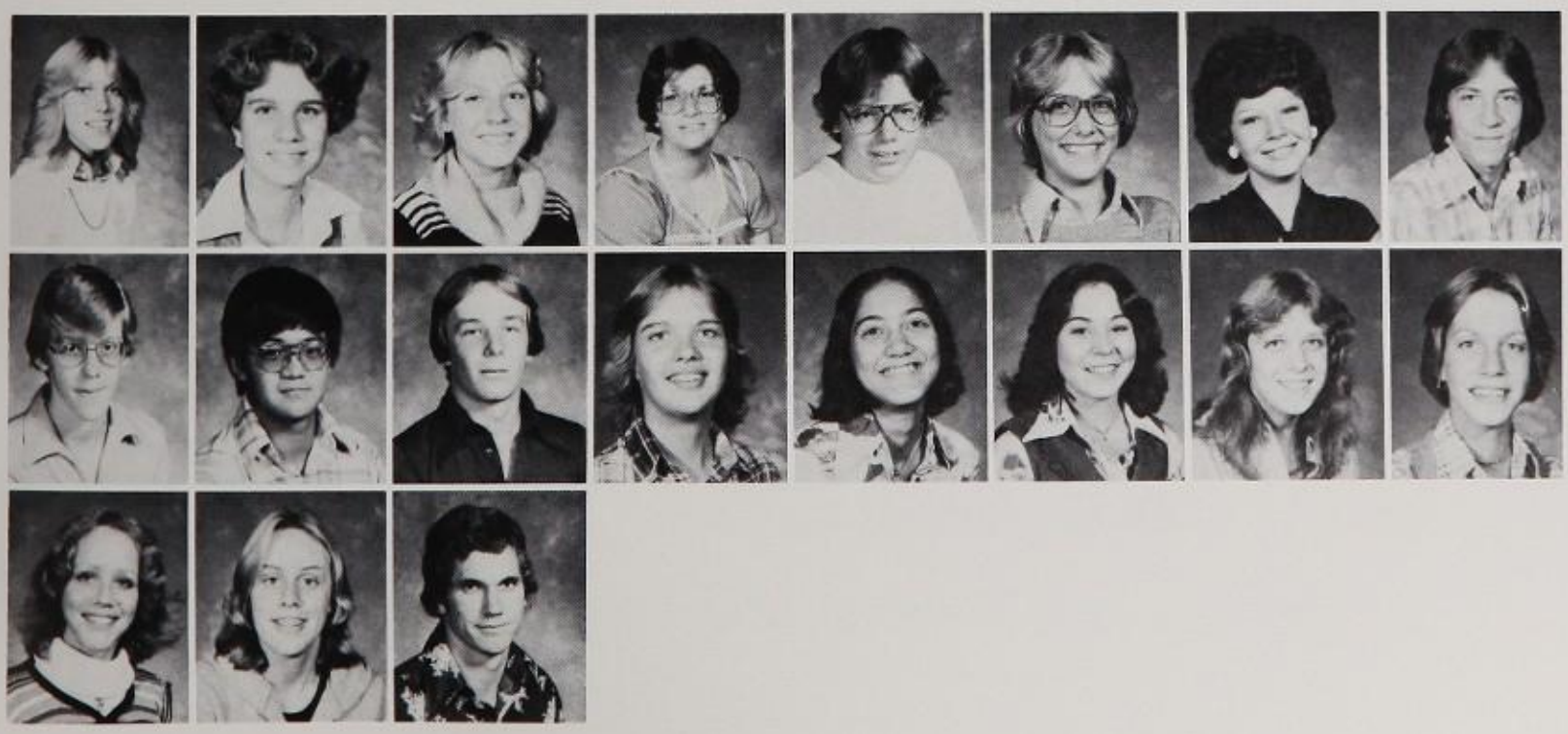
Despite inexperience, John had commanding stage presence. His portrayal of Tony Wendice was convincing and complete with an authentic British accent maintained throughout the play. It was obvious on the opening night of the play that the last flaws that earmark the beginner had disappeared.

Inevitably, December 2nd arrived. Although John was vaguely aware of the knot in his stomach early Friday morning, it wasn't until the crew began applying stage make-up that he became conscious of time. The words "seven-thirty" clicked into place, bringing on John's first encounter with acute pre-stage jitters.

The nervousness experienced by the rest of the cast only heightened the performance. By the time the curtain opened, John was immersed totally in his character, and his concentration was rarely broken. Most of the time he was unaware of anything beyond the stage.

Until the applause. Although the theater wasn't as full Saturday evening, over 300 applauded as the curtains closed on Friday night's performance. Smiling, John's words reflected his emotions during the curtain call. "I never felt anything like it," he said in awe.

Tony Wendice (John DeFilippis) begins to plot the murder of his wife.



Janet Witkowski, Sheila Wlodarczyk, Cindi Wnorowski, Betty Anne Wolf, Michael Woods, Karen Wos, Diane Wozniak, Bill Wrubel.

Kevin Yaremko, Ed Yin, Greg Yurish, Susan Zabicki, Leticia Zalaznick, Terri Zamorski, Cathy Zentek, Ellen Zielinski.

Maryann Ziemba, Candy Zollinger, Daniel Zuczek.

The last cheer had ended and the last team was announced. For underclassmen, the pep rally was over. Refusing to let it end, we began a chorus of "seniors are #1" and didn't stop even after we had returned to classes.

It was our year. For some of us, the time had passed too quickly, and for others, it had not passed quickly enough.

But we couldn't deny the changes. No matter how seriously we had taken ourselves as sophomores, we could look back now and marvel at some of the dumb things we did then. By senior year, our attitude towards school had begun to relax. We valued our licenses, our jobs, and the little time we had left to spend with each other.

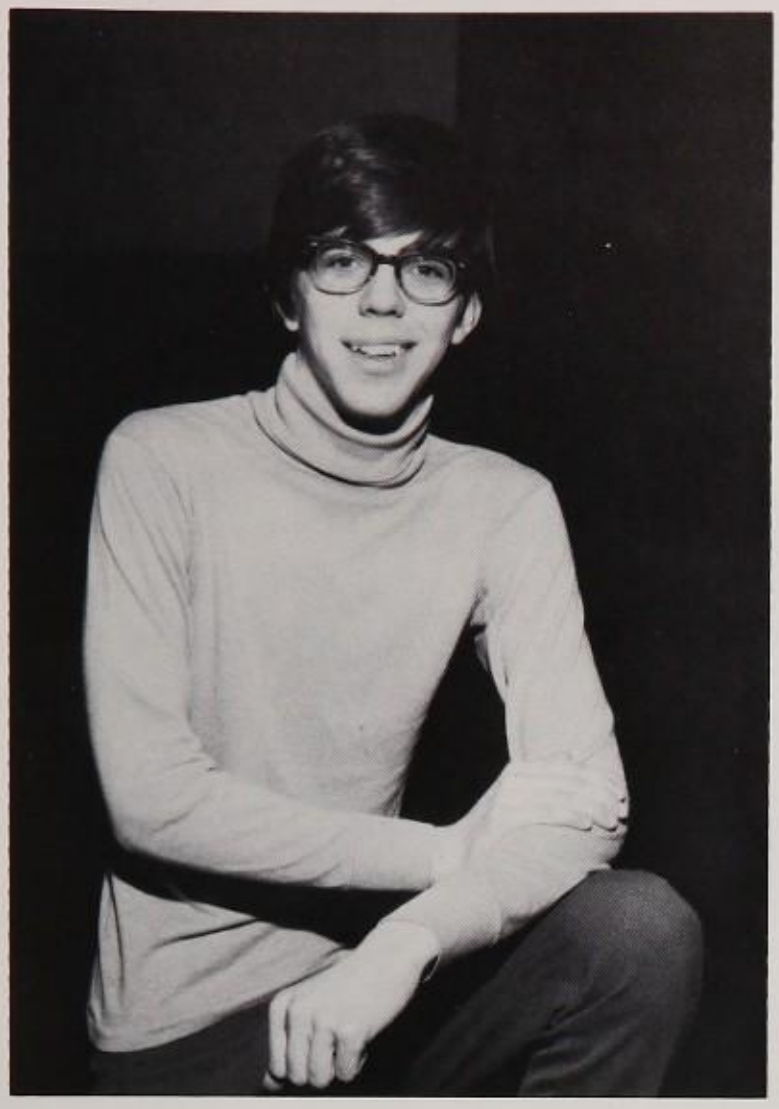
With time our talents had matured, and some received long-deserved recognition. Graduating at the head of our class, Randall Corman and Peggy Buchman achieved the honors of valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Jeff Yeck earned the distinction of being a National Merit Finalist and our senior class boasted five other commended scholars. Senior athlete Rhonda Rompola broke all previous scoring records in the history of Sayreville High School Basketball.

A resounding success, our Homecoming weekend was the first event seniors took pride in. We took the spirit competition on Friday and went on to take first place again on Saturday, with "The Great Pumpkin," our float entry in the homecoming competition. Janie Murphy received our vote of approval for Homecoming Queen 1977.

Side by side, we shared a sense of restlessness and expectation as the year came to a close. On May 25, we spent a day at Downingtown Inn in Pennsylvania, and boarded the bus again on June 2 to travel to Westmount Country Club, the site of our prom. Fanfare set the mood with "Just the Way You Are."

The restlessness and rising sense of excitement finally culminated on Thursday, June 15. Exchanging nervous glances, we took our places in the graduation procession. We accepted our diplomas triumphantly, without realizing that moment had dissolved the last bond that held our class together.

Some of us cried afterwards, partially to relieve the tension. But tears of sadness were also shed as our sense of loss settled in around us.



Randall Corman

Valedictorian

Peggy Buchman

Salutatorian

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: *Bottom:* Barb Galaro, Sec.; Jody Mehl, Vice Pres. *Second Row:* Allyn Zeisler, Pres.; Margaret McDonald, Treas. *Third Row:* Mrs. M. Carltock, Mrs. L. Lang, Head advisor. *Top:* Mr. M. Bordak, advisor; Mr. D. Schmeyer, advisor. *Missing:* Kathy Jones.

Lou Acero

Christopher Adasczik

Jim Albert

Bob Albert

Tom Alessi

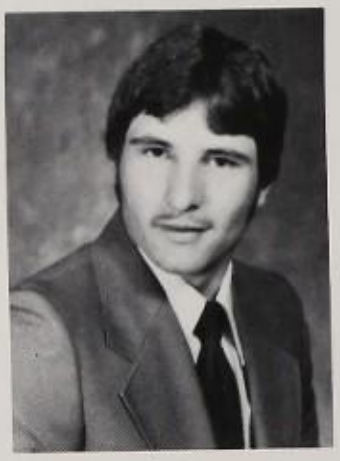
Annette Alexionok

Jacquie Altman

Wendy Ambrose

Karen Anderson

Laura Anderson



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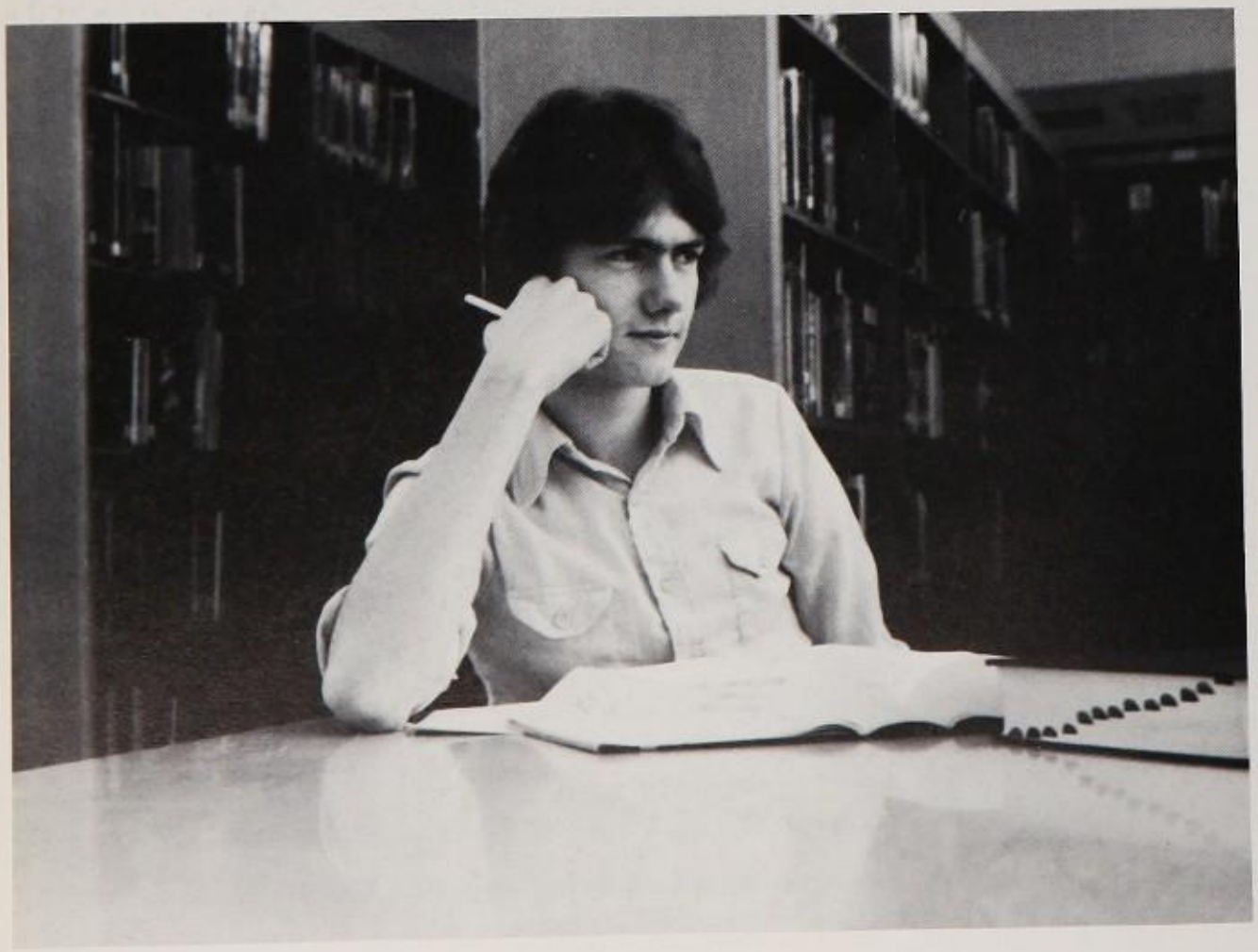


While doing research in the library, Jeff Yeck tries to collect his thoughts for his World Lit paper.

Judy Antoniewicz

John Applegate

Nancy Applegate

Bob Arden

Mary Margaret Arnella

Lowell Aube

Irene Babinetz

Jack Ballo

Confidence Brings Honors

"I felt like hiding," Jeff Yeck laughed. All eyes were on him as Dr. Parnell congratulated him via the public address system. This is what happened when he received notification of his semi-finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship program. Dr. Parnell and the other administrators were rightfully pleased. Sayreville High School had not boasted a semi-finalist since 1975.

Prior to taking the PSAT's in December of 1976, Jeff conceded that he hadn't consciously connected the PSAT with the National Merit program. Accordingly, during the testing period he never felt pressured by it, and felt confident of his performance upon completion of the test. Unlike the majority of his fellow seniors, Jeff was satisfied with his test results. He scored impressively in the 700 range in both the math and verbal sections.

Those scores earned him a place among the top 15,000 (upper 1%) out of a total of one million college bound seniors. Although 14,000 semi-finalists will qualify for finalist standing, only a small portion of those students will receive the highly coveted scholarships. Jeff explained that semi-finalists are rated on the basis of their school activities.

Elected to the National Honor Society during junior year, Jeff Yeck has served as Sports Editor for Echo-Lites and participated in the pit band. His sights are set on a career in law or government, and he plans to major in political science and then go on to law school.

Lois Balon

Jerry Baniowski

Patricia Banks

LOU ACERO: 93 Wilson Ave., Parlin. Soccer 2, 3, 4; Quo Vadis Sports Editor 4; Student Council 4.

CHRISTOPHER ADASCZIK: 118 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

JIM ALBERT: 52 Albert Dr., Parlin. Baseball 2, 3, 4.

BOB ALBERT: 22 S. Edward St., Sayre. Football 2; Basketball 2, 4.

TOM ALESSI: 8 Scheid Dr., Parlin. Soccer 4.

ANNETTE ALEXIONOK: 73 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Chorus 2, 3; Spanish Club 3.

JACQUIE ALTMAN: 4 Hemlock Dr., Parlin.

WENDY AMBROSE: 22 Roosevelt Blvd., Parlin. F.N.A. 4; Echo Lites 4; N.H.S. 4.

KAREN ANDERSON: 12 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 2; Field Hockey 3.

LAURA ANDERSON: 9 Maple St., Parlin.

JOSEPH ANTONE: 29 William St., Old Bridge. Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 3, 4.

CINDY ANTONIDES: 78 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Echo Lites 2.

JUDY ANTONIEWICZ: 4 Juniper Lane, Parlin. Fall Drama 2; Spring Musical 2; Quo Vadis 2; Dramatis Parsonae 2.

JOHN APPLEGATE: 28 Krumb St., Sayre.

NANCY APPLEGATE: 117 Luke St., Morgan. Spanish Club 2; Quo Vadis Activities Editor 4.

BOB ARDEN: 166 Luke St., Morgan.

MARY MARGARET ARNELLA: 125 Liberty St., Morgan. Spring Track Mgr. 2, 3; French Club 2; N.H.S. 3, 4; Quo Vadis 3, Activities Editor 4.

LOWELL AUBE: 5005 Bordentown Ave., Old Bridge. Football 2, 3; Winter Track 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4.

IRENE BABINETZ: 335 Main St., Sayre. Basketball 2; Spring Track 2.

JACK BALLO: 17 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre.

LOIS BALON: 119 Miller Ave., Sayre.

JERRY BANIOWSKI: 25 Horseshoe Dr., Sayre.

PATRICIA BANKS: 511 Main St., Sayre. Images 2, 3, 4; Echo Lites 3, 4; German Club 3; Girl's Citizenship Delegate 3.

'78 — Real Winners

The Class of 1978 did it again! For the 2nd year in a row they won the Homecoming float competition. The events of the weekend did have one sad note, however. This was their last Homecoming as students of SWMHS.

Friday, October 20, began with the traditional pep rally. Class President Allyn Zeisler admitted to feeling a little anxious that morning, although she felt fairly confident that the seniors would win the spirit competition. "It's tradition that seniors win it," Allyn said. After a couple of rounds of R-O-W-D-I-E, the seniors had the spirit competition in the bag, although underclassmen felt differently. Reluctant to see the pep rally end, a group of seniors began their own chorus of cheers shouting "seniors are #1" above the jeers of the underclassmen.

By that afternoon, the senior class float had been completed, the result of more than three weeks of daily effort. The contributing seniors included Donna Smith, Peg Buchman, Lee Zuzzio, Alene Minchew, Lisa Martens, and the five senior officers. Vice President Jody Mehl mentioned that, "a few other seniors deserve credit for coming in whenever they had some time to spare."

The effort paid off. During the homecoming festivities the senior float, "The Great Pumpkin" was awarded first place. The prize of $25.00 was added to the senior class treasury.

Peter Barba

Tom Barbieri

James Baron

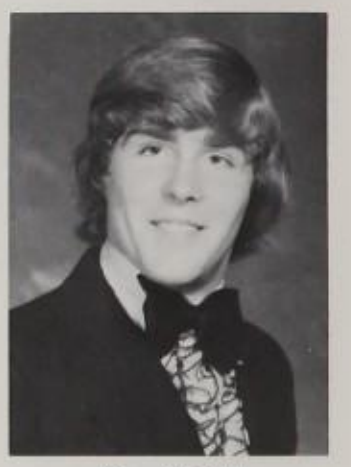
Donna Bartkovsky

Debra Bartz

Chris Baszak

Diane Bechtle

Tom Behr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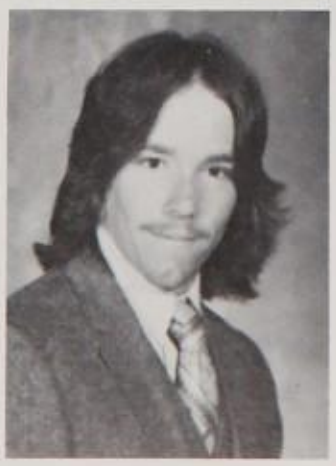

Keith Bolen

Charles Borowinski

Ron Borup

Carol Bringhurst

Ted Broudy

Kathy Bruen

Peggy Buchman

Paula Buczynski

Nicki Buffalino

Shelley Bunyon

Above: The winning Senior class float goes around the stadium for the final time.

PETER BARBA: 4 Kenneth Ave., Parlin.

TOM BARBIERI: 16 University Pl., Parlin. Cross Country 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 3; Quo Vadis 4.

JAMES BARON: 22 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre. Spring Track 2, 3.

DONNA BARTKOVSKY: 77 Wilson Ave., Parlin.

DEBRA BARTZ: 1097 Bordentown Ave., Parlin.

CHRIS BASZAK: 75 Harding Ave., Parlin.

DIANE BECHTLE: 28 Coolidge Ave., Parlin. Boys' Gymnastics Mgr. 3.

TOM BEHR: 4 Lani St., S.A.

DONALD BELL: 51 Ash Terr., Parlin. Soccer 2; Stage Band 2; Wrestling 3, 4, JV Capt. 2.

JOEL BERKE: 24 Frederick Pl., Parlin. Quo Vadis 4; Echo Lites 4.

MARY BETZLER: 15 Glenwood Ave., Sayre. Spanish Club 2; Echo Lites 2, 3; N.H.S. 3, 4; Ecology Club Treas. 3; F.T.A. 4.

NANCY BILLINGTON: 6 Milliken Rd., Sayre. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; N.H.S. 3, 4; Quo Vadis 2, 3.

GLENN BLOODGOOD: 236 Olsen St., S.A.

CHRIS BOBBINS: 36 Kierst St., Parlin. Soccer 3, 4.

ROBERT BOBEK: 82 Merritt Ave., S.A.

KEITH BOLEN: 350 S. Pine Ave., S.A.

CHARLES BOROWINSKI: 37 Furman Ave., Sayre. Wrestling 2.

RON BORUP: 611 Main St., Sayre. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

CAROL BRINGHURST: 20 Merritt Ave., Sayre.

TED BROUDY: 31 Driftwood Dr., Parlin. Wrestling 2, 3, 4.

KATHY BRUEN: 21 Cori St., Parlin.

PEGGY BUCHMAN: 13 Columbia Pl., Parlin. French Club 2; Spring Musical 2; Chorus 2; Class Sec'y 3; S.H.S. 3; N.H.S. 3, 4; Biology Club 4.

PAULA BUCZYNSKI: 36 Sherwood Rd., Parlin. French Club 4; Math Club 4; N.H.S. 4.

NICKI BUFFALINO: 96 Boehmhurst Ave., Sayre. F.T.A. 3.

SHELLEY BUNYON: 15 Robin Hood Dr., Parlin. Spanish Club 2, 3.

The morning shift at many of the local restaurants may face a cutback due to the new lateness policy put into effect on February 6, 1978.

During last November and December, on the average, 180-210 students came in late each day.

According to Mr. Weber, the school's old policy of assigning detention to late students was not effective enough. Therefore, the policy was proposed to get as many students to school on time as possible in order to bring lateness down, and to decrease the extreme amount of paper work.

The students had one day's grace. In other words, the first time a student was late he didn't have to be accompanied by a parent to be admitted. However, a letter was sent to the parents notifying them of the lateness. From here on, the student had to bring his parent to school. Since the parent knew he would have to accompany the student, it was hoped that lateness would be cut down quite a bit.

Any student over 18 was automatically suspended for the day. In this respect, it was believed that the absentee rate would go up, but phone calls were made to homes on days the student was absent.

Students who submitted a written note in advance were excused. Legitimate excuses included driving tests, funerals, doctor or dentist appointments.

Early in 1978, the new policy seemed to be effective. Two days after Christmas vacation, lateness was down low because students thought the new policy was in effect. Once they learned it wasn't in effect as yet, lateness went right back up.

The main objective of the policy is for the benefit of the student. In order to pass a course and eventually graduate, it is necessary to be in class, on time.

Lee Ann Burke

Leslie Burkshot

Roseann Burrets

Cindy Buyofski

Beth Callahan

Mary Ann Callahan

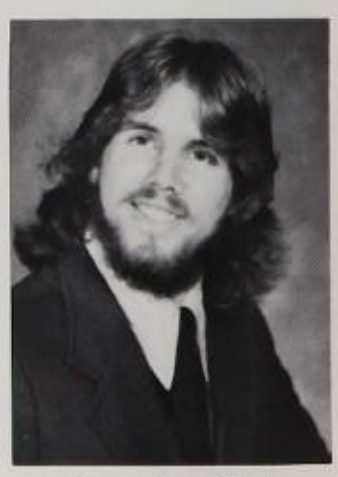
Laura Carr

Lisa Carroll

Donna Cassidy

Chele Castrorao

David R. Cavanaugh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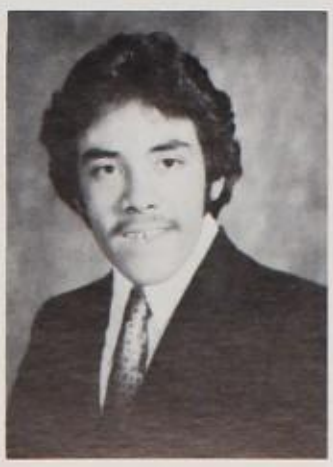
Bill Cerase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Michael Chiacchiaro

Mark Cholowski

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Debbie Ciecko

Kelly Clark

Eileen Clarke

Alice Coakley

Flo Cohen

John Coletti

Patricia Comerford

Greg Connors

Kathy Connors

Marty Conroy

Steve Consolo

Donna Constantineau

Debbie Conway

Kathleen Cordes

LEE ANN BURKE: 4 Wick Dr., Sayre.

LESLIE BURKSHOT: 12 Thomas St., S.A. Multi-Media Club 3; Ecology Club 4.

ROSEANN BURRETS: 22 Cedar Terr., Parlin.

CINDY BUYOFSKI: 10 S. Edward St., Sayre. German Club 4, Sec'y 2, 3; Color Guard 3; French Club 4; Pep Club Sec'y, Treas. 4; Quo Vadis 4; Twirling 4; Chorus 4.

BETH CALLAHAN: 22 Birch Terr., Parlin. French Club 2; Softball 2, 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.

MARY ANN CALLAHAN: 33 Furman Ave., Sayre. Student Council 2; Color Guard 2; Spring Musical 2, 3.

LAURA CARR: 138 Marsh Ave., Sayre. Twirling 3, 4; Business Club 4; N.H.S. 4.

LISA CARROLL: 17 Becker Dr., Parlin. Spanish Club 2, 3.

DONNA CASSIDY: 11 Gavel Rd., Sayre. Drill Team 2, 3; Business Club 3.

CHELE CASTRORAO: 22 Surrey Lane, Parlin. Spring Track 3, 4; D.E.C.A. 4; Quo Vadis 4.

DAVID R. CAVANAUGH: 74 Deerfield Rd., Sayre. Marching Bnad 2, 3; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 3, 4.

STEVEN CENTOFANTI: 12 Frederick Pl., Parlin.

BILL CERASE: 27 Haven Terr., Parlin.

ANTHONY CETTA: 20 Robin Hood Dr., Sayre.

RICH CHAPLIN: 21 Eric Ct., Parlin. Basketball 2.

MICHAEL CHIACCHIARO: 28 Walling St., Sayre. German Club 2, 3.

MARK CHOLOWSKI: 53 Richards Dr., Parlin. Spring Track 2; Biology Club 2; Jazz Rock Ensemble 3; Echo Lites 3; Spanish Club 3.

KEN CHRISTENSEN: 103 Washington Rd., Sayre.

DEBBIE CIECKO: 43 Hart St., Sayre. F.S.A. 2.

KELLY CLARK: Box 274 Rt. 35, S.A.

EILEEN CLARKE: 10 Dunlap Dr., Parlin. Spring Track 3, 4.

ALICE COAKLEY: 38 Jensen Rd., Sayre. Marching Band 2, 3; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 3; Ecology Club Vice Pres. 3, Sec'y 4; F.T.A. 3, Sec'y 4; Quo Vadis Curriculum Editor 4.

FLO COHEN: 19 Haven Terr., Parlin. Student Council 2, 3, 4; Quo Vadis 4.

JOHN COLETTI: 35 Deerfield Rd., Parlin.

PARTICIA COMERFORD: 8 Cori St., Parlin. F.S.A. 2.

GREG CONNORS: 60 Furman Ave., Sayre.

KATHY CONNORS: 410 Main St., Sayre. Field Hockey 2, 3; Co-Capt. 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Basketball Club 3, 4; Softball 2; Spring Track 3, 4; Quo Vadis 3, 4.

MARTY CONROY: 33 Hemlock Dr., Parlin. Baseball 2, 3, 4; Boys' State Alternate 3; French Club 4; N.H.S. 4.

STEVE CONSOLO: 9 Stradford Rd., Parlin.

DONNA CONSTANTINEAU: 150 Madison St., Morgan.

DEBBIE CONWAY: 40 Albert Dr., Parlin.

KATHLEEN CORDES: 14 Carter Pl., Parlin.

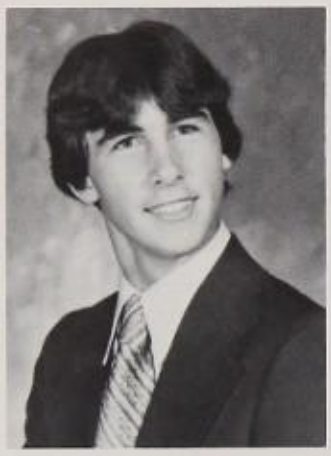
Randy Corman

Ed Corvino

John Coyle

Susan Coyle

Sue Cristosi



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Michelle Czachur

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Jeanne Dail

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Roseanne Dandola

Maria D'Arpa

Debra A. Davis

Jerry DeCristofaro

Student liaison Jerriann Donella gives the students' point of view.

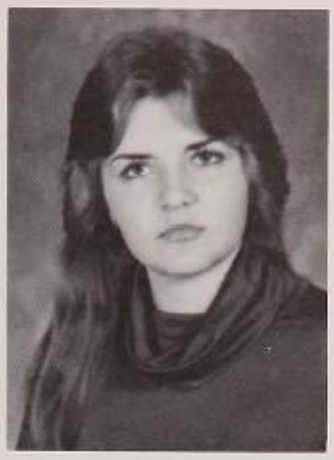
Student Liaison

Student Council president Jerriann Donnella served as Sayreville High's first student liaison with the Board of Ed. Beginning in November, Jerriann attended the monthly "open" Board meetings, giving the students' point of view on issues concerning the high school student body. She also surveyed students' opinions about questions like the 12:09 dismissal, and reported her findings to the Board members.

Jerriann first learned about the position of student liaison in May, 1977, when she attended a Board of Education dinner for "Youth and Government Week." At this dinner Mr. Thomas Strugala, Board president, announced his decision to appoint a student liaison. Jerriann liked the idea, but she didn't expect to be chosen. However, that July she received a call from Mr. Strugala asking her to accept the position. "I was really excited," Jerriann recalled, "and happy about helping the school."

In August, Jerriann attended a Leadership Training Camp in Blairstown, N.J., where she met with other student representatives from schools throughout the state. On returning to school, she received her guidelines from Dr. Parnell and the student council advisors, Mrs. Kratinski and Miss Kwiatkowski. By November she had attended her first Board meeting as student liaison.

Jerriann set no long term goals, except, "to make sure I do a good job." Although her period as student liaison ended in June, she plans to continue her involvement with student government in college.



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John Dekanski

Arthur J. Delmotte

Susan DeMayo

Diane DePasquale

Diane DeRisi

Joe Desfosse

Debbie DeSilvestro

Karen DeVoe

RANDY CORMAN: 153 Standiford Ave., Sayre. Chess Club 2, 3; Echo-Lites 4.

ED CORVINO: 881 Bordentown Ave., S.A. Football 2, 3.

JOHN COYLE: 7 Maple St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4.

SUSAN COYLE: 54 Price St., Sayre.

SUE CRISTOSI: 20 Eric Ct., Parlin. Spring Musical 4.

KIRK CROASMUN: 9 Mohawk La., Parlin. Football 2, 3; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

TOM CRUMMY: 1 Amherst Pl., Parlin. Soccer 2, 3.

KELLY CUSHING: 55 Haven Terr., Parlin. Spring Track 2, 3.

MICHELLE CZACHUR: 25 Fanwood Dr., Sayre. Basketball Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 3; Quo Vadis Sports Editor 4; Basketball Club Secretary 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.

PHYLLIS D'ADDIO: 11 Zaleski Dr., Sayre. French Club 2, 3; Dramatis Personae 2, 3; Fall Drama 2, 3, 4; Quo Vadis 3; N.H.S. 3, 4; D.E.C.A. 4.

JEANNE DAIL: 40 Harrison St., Sayre.

KATHY D'ALOIA: 34 Kuberski Dr., Sayre. Spanish Club 2.

ROSEANNE DANDOLA: 4 Cheyenne Dr., Parlin. Class Vice Pres. 2; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; S.H.S. 4; F.T.A. 4.

MARIE D'ARPA: 39 Kendall Dr., Sayre.

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JERRY DE CRISTOFARO: 72 Haven Terr., Parlin. Soccer 3; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 4.

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ARTHUR J. DELMOTTE: 141 March Ave., Sayre.

SUSAN DEMAYO: 26-18 Ernston Rd., Parlin. N.H.S. 4.

DIANE DE PASQUALE: 23 Stevenson St., Parlin.

DIANE DE RISI: 28 Harrison Pl., Parlin.

JOE DESFOSSE: 41 Elm Terr., Parlin. Spring Track 2; N.H.S. 3, 4.

DEBBIE DE SILVESTRO: 55 Cedar Terr., Parlin.

KAREN DE VOE: 11 Jensen Rd., Sayre. F.S.A. 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 4.

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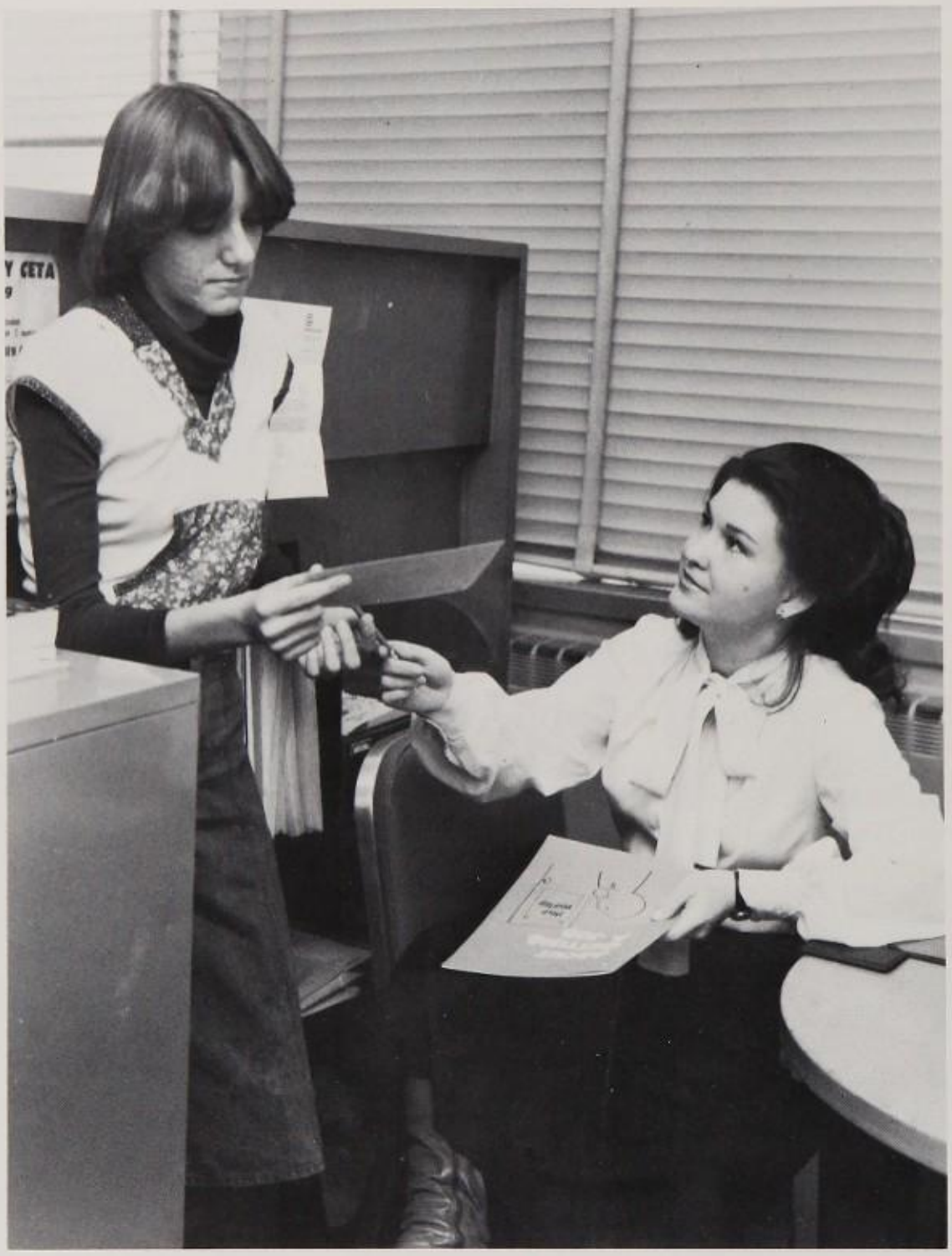

Job placement counselor Mrs. Rhodes, assists Michele Masarik in preparing for a job interview.

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Joe Donnelly

Kelly Donnelly

Natalie Donnelly

Darleen Drake

John Dreyfuss

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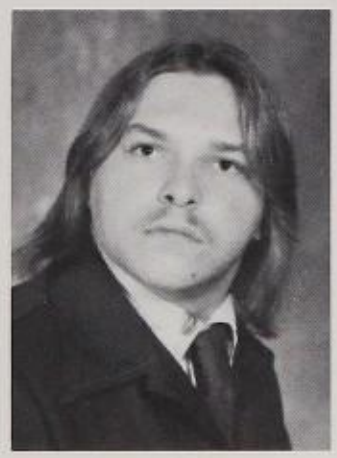

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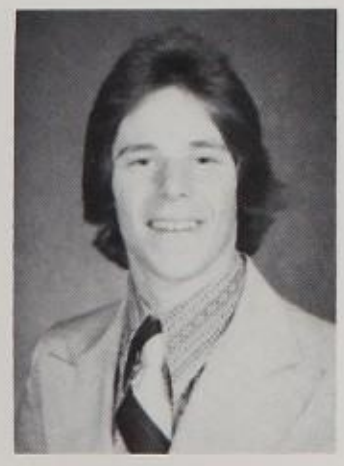

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Robert Fehl

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CYNTHIA DIETSCH: 11 Pershing Ave., Sayre.

ANTHONY J. DI MATTEO: 14 Baumer Rd., Sayre. Soccer 2; Wrestling 2.

JOHN DONAHUE: 10 Albert Dr., Parlin.

JERRIANN DONELLA: 78 Weber Ave., Sayre. Class Sec'y. 2; Drill Team 2; Baseball Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Winter Track 2; Student Council Sec'y. 3, Pres. 4; Soccer Mgr. 3, 4.

PAT DONLON: 5 Surrey Lane, Parlin.

JOE DONNELLY: 7 Stevenson St., Parlin. Wrestling 2, 3; N.H.S. 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

KELLY DONNELLY: 48 Albert Dr., Parlin. Class Pres. 3; Student Council 4.

NATALIE DONNELLY: 5 Lagoda St., Parlin. Stage Crew 3, 4; Math Club 4; N.H.S. 4.

DARLEEN DRAKE: 25 Wilson Ave., Parlin. Images 3, 4; Ecology Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Biology Club 3.

JOHN DREYFUSS: 36 Campbell Dr., Parlin. Football 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Student Council 3; Winter Track 4.

ARLENE DRWAL: 18 Jacobson St., Sayre. German Club 2, Pres. 3.

CINDY DUBIL: 2 Deborah St., Parlin. Spring Track 2.

CATHY DURING: 37 Dodd Pl., S.A. Images 3, 4.

REGINA ECKSTROM: 139 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; Winter Track 4; D.E.C.A. 4.

SUSAN EISENBERGER: 9 Devonshire Rd., Parlin. Tennis 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Color Guard 2; Library Council 3, Vice Pres. 4; Multi-Media 3; Stage Crew 3, 4; Track 4.

DOROTHY ENGLISH: 99 Harding Ave., Parlin. French Club 2, 3, 4; Echo Lites 3; Business Club 3, 4; F.N.A. 4.

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ELAINE ESSER: 45 Price St., Sayre.

JOHN EVERITT: 7 Martha Blvd., S.A. Chemistry League 3.

GREG FALLON: 81 Boehmurst Ave., Sayre.

KEN FALLON: 4 Nimitz Pl., Sayre.

KATHY FAZEKAS: 178 Grove St., S.A. Softball 2; Pep Club 2; Library Council 4.

STEVE FEELEY: 15 Albert Dr., Parlin.

ROBERT FEHL: 42 Ash Terr., Parlin.

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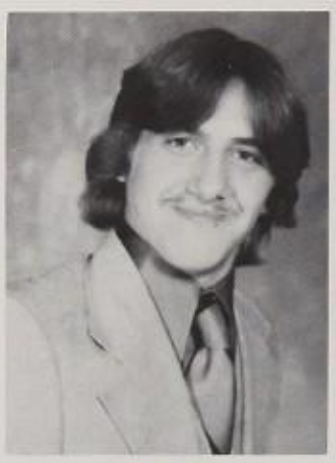

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Randy Corman, Lynn Lucas and Yasmin Haque discuss their European experiences.

Dave Freeman

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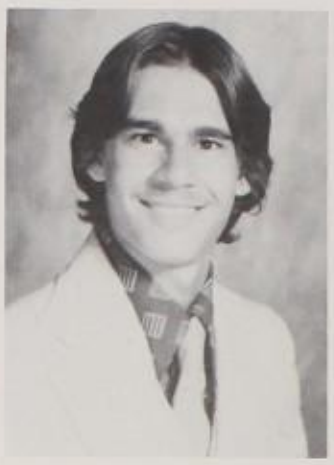


Sal Fuoti

Raymond Fusco

Barbara Galaro

Friends Abroad

"Greetings from the innocent abroad," wrote Yasmin Haque to a friend in a letter postdated July 5, 1977. "I'm in London now and it's the greatest." It was the first of the seven European cities Yasmin visited during her one month stay in Europe.

Seniors Lynn Lucas and Randall Corman also had the opportunity to tour parts of Europe during the summer prior to their senior year. Through the Lion's Club Exchange Program, Lynn spent six weeks in Finland. Visiting a friend of his father's, Randy spent 10 days in Germany, also seeing much of Northern Italy.

How did it feel to be an American Student abroad for the first time? Below, the students relate what impressions they came away with.

Q. How difficult was the language barrier?

A. "Well the parents couldn't speak English too well but the daughter could. The mother kept saying to me. 'Anything that makes you happy makes me happy.' " lynn

A. "I spoke a little German, but not much. It was no problem because my host was fluent in both languages." randy

Q. Was it anything like you expected?

A. "I don't know. I had totally different daydreams about it. It was a lot different than I pictured — I thought it would be more sophisticated." yasmin

A. "No, Germany looked different than I expected — cleaner. There's a lot of American influence, especially the music." randy

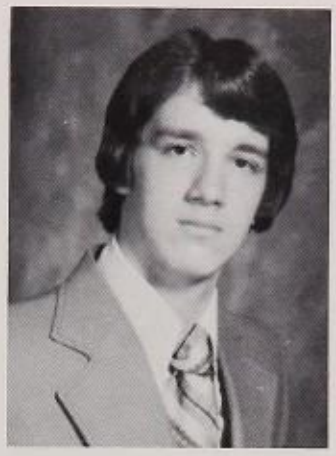
Q. Do Europeans eat or dress much differently than we do?

A. "Well, the major difference is that they're a lot poorer." yasmin

A. "The food was basically the same — but it's cooked differently. They used a lot of fish. We had pizza one time — there was octopus on top!" lynn

A. "The food wasn't so great. The Germans used too many cold cuts. German beer? It was much better." randy

Diane Garnett



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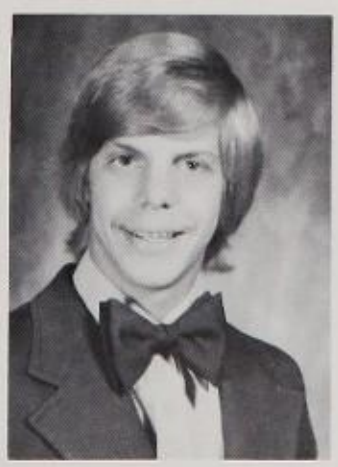

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RON FOX: 39 Hemlock Dr., Parlin. D.E.C.A. 4.

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DAVE FREEMAN: 43 Weber Ave., Sayre.

TRACEY FREYER: 128 Buchanan Ave., Parlin.

RICHARD FRUEHWIRTH: 143-A Luke St., S.A. S.H.S. 3, 4; Math Club 4.

SAL FUOTI: 25 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Spring Track 3, 4.

RAYMOND FUSCO: 8 Louis St., Parlin.

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RICH GAUL: 481 S. Pine Ave., S.A.

SHERRY GAVALETZ: 50 Patton Dr., Sayre. Library Council 2, 3, Pres. 4; Pep Club 2.

JOHN GENUS: 64 Edward St., Sayre. Soccer 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2.

GARY GEORGE: 60 Hillside Ave., Sayre. Gymnastics 2, 4.

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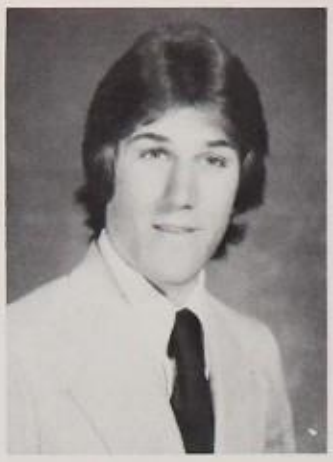
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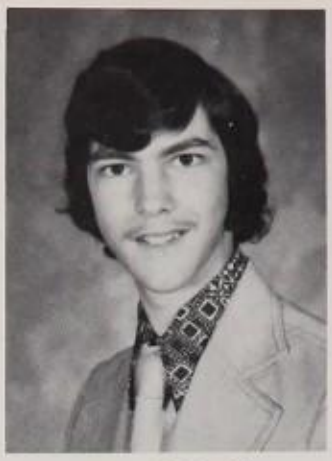
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Greg Giovenco

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John Godowski

Ilene Goldkopf

Karen Good

Maureen Gorman

Mitchell Grady

Deborah Grandinetti

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Gayle Grankowski

Mark Guancione

Judith Guilfoyle

Rich Gulick

Bob Halpin

Donna Marie Hambley

James Hamill

Richard Hammer

Diane E. Hampson

Renee Hanaway

Richard Hanson

Yasmin Haque

"Eye Missed It" News Broadcast

In a tone alternating between the seriousness of the news program whose name they chose to parody and the offbeat humor of Saturday Night Live's Weekend update, six seniors presented their version of the past two decades in a newscast. Entitled "Eye Missed It News." the name was appropriate enough. The IMN team had not eyewitnessed all of the events they reported, but compiled most of their information from periodicals.

Chosen over two other options, the newscast fulfilled one of the requirements of Mr. Boardman's Critical Issues class. It had taken an estimated 8-10 hours of research, plus time for planning and script-writing before it was presented during their third period class on January 19th. To lend authenticity, each reporter sported a yellow IMN tag, and anchorman Arki Szot wore the traditional blue blazer and dark tie. Illustrations and charts also lent a professional quality to the news cast.

Fourteen straight news stories were covered including comparisons between Russian and American technology, the Son of Sam saga, and the recent death of Hubert Humphrey. A timely account of the high school's new policy on student tardiness, voted on only two evenings before, was also given.

Utilizing the full forty minutes, the news cast was complete down to commercial breaks, a gourmet spot, weather and news.

Steve Sobol put in a solid performance as IMN's advertising department, his Audio World commercial rivaling any professional announcer's. "If you close your eyes, he sounds just like a radio," one student remarked. Others agreed.

The other humorous touches included the weather and gourmet spots. Chip Wiggins, in his very best Storm Field, narrated the forecast while Arki zanily illustrated the predictions, putting the class into hysterics.

Playing the "mad illustrator" again, Szot demonstrated his "gourmet technique" in making scrambled eggs, using illustrations of a pan, eggs, water faucet, and hammer, much like flash cards were used. It also elicited appreciative laughter from the class.

"Very good," Mr. Boardman repeated several times at the close of the newscast. He was so impressed that he graded the project immediately. It received an "A."

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Don Heimall

Linda Ann Heisler

Barbara Hennessy

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RUTH GIERA: 11 Furman, Sayre.

KEITH GILDE: 96 Buchanan Ave., Parlin. Soccer 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4.

DONALD GINELLI: 13 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Stage Crew 3, 4.

GREG GIOVENCO: 739 Bordentown Ave., Sayre.

DONNA MARIE GIZZI: 3 Wilbur Terr., Sayre. F.T.A. 4.

JOHN GODOWSKI: 18 Glenwood Ave., Sayre. Marchine Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Rock Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Stage Crew 4; Math Club 4.

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JUDITH GUILFOYLE: 9 Miara St., Parlin. F.S.A. 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 2; F.B.L.A. Vice Pres. 2.

RICH GULICK: 25 Robin Pl., Parlin. Baseball 2, 4; Football 3.

BOB HALPIN: 38 Pinetree Dr., Parlin.

DONNA MARIE HAMBLEY: 99 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Color Guard 2.

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DIANE E. HAMPSON: 38 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre. Chorus 3, 4; Concert Band 3, 4; Spring Musical 3, 4.

RENEE HANAWAY: 25 Parkway Pl., Parlin.

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CAROL HAYDEN: 6 Sunrise Terr., Parlin.

DON HEIMALL: 33 Buchanan Ave., Sayre.

LINDA ANN HEISLER: 94 Miller Ave., Sayre.

BARBARA HENNESSY: 2-8 Sky Top Gardens, Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Field Hockey 3, 4.

Christine Herman

Dave Herrick

Brenda Hockman

Romano Publishes

Rare is the teacher who conducts a biology class that succeeds in getting the students actively involved in the learning process. One such teacher is Mrs. Romano, who enjoyed some of the recognition she deserved last December when an article she had written was published in Science Teacher Magazine.

During 1976, in what began as simply a new idea to interest and share with her students, Mrs. Romano developed a technique with which her students, who were experimenting with flies, could photograph the results. The process was easy for her students to master, required only a camera and a minimum of inexpensive materials. The students were extremely enthusiastic about the idea, and even more so about the "great results."

When Mrs. Romano attended the Bicentennial Convention of New Jersey Science Teachers in the spring of 1976, her colleagues suggested she submit the idea for publication. After doing so in July, she waited a year and half before the article appeared in print. Mrs. Romano recalls feeling "very excited" and "very pleased. I received congratulatory calls from many colleagues."

Entitled "Instant Photomicrographs," the article appeared on page 34 of the December 1977 issue. The New Jersey Science Teachers Association has since expressed an interest in the article, asking Mrs. Romano to submit it to them along with some of the photographs.

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Mark Humphrey

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Greg Hunnemeder

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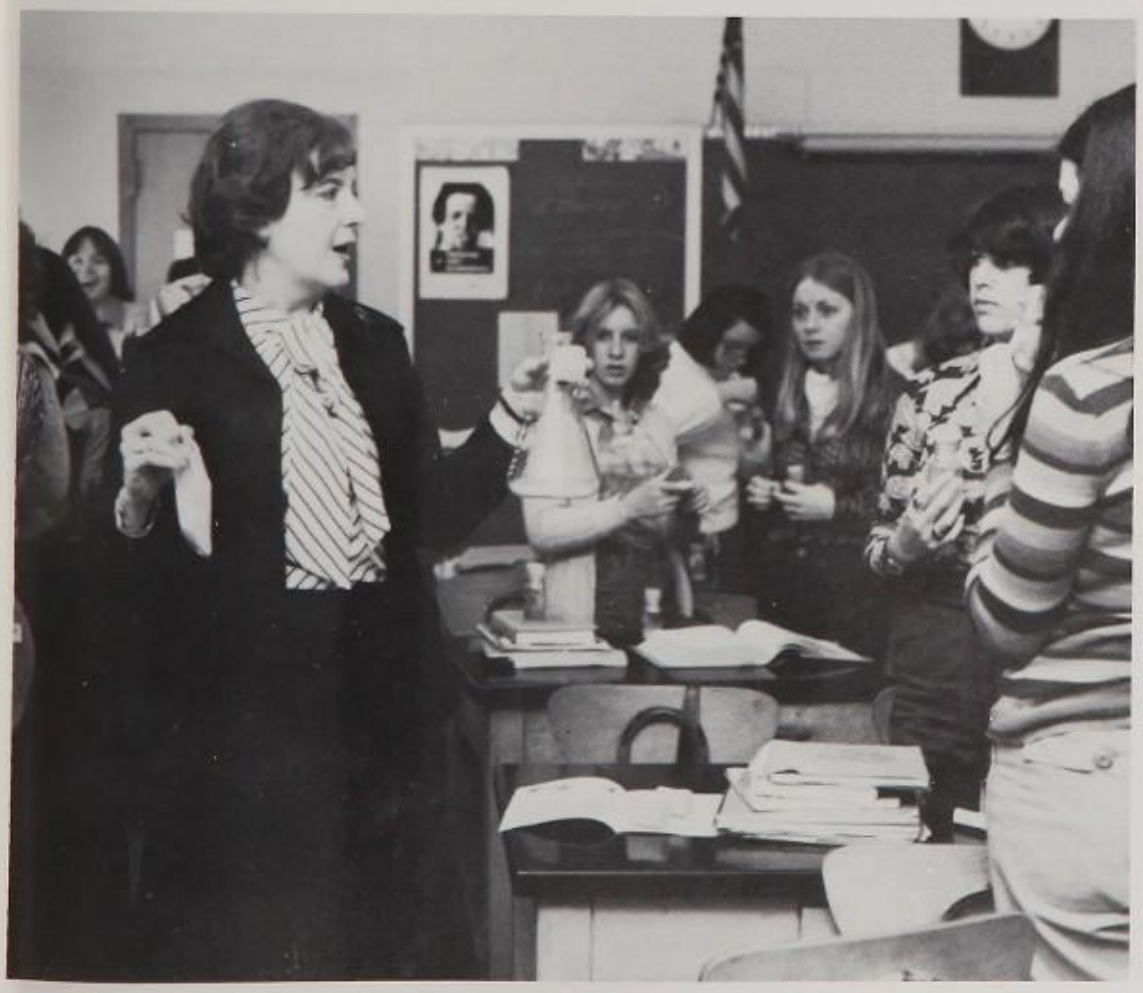

Mrs. Romano shares her new techniques with her advanced biology class.

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MARK HUMPHREY: 391 Main St., Sayre. Gymnastics 2, 3, 4.

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GREG HUNNEMEDER: 44 Campbell Dr., Parlin. Tennis 2.

DAVID HUSAK: 47 Driftwood Dr., Parlin.

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ERICK JENSEN: 7 Roll Ave., S.A.

LAURIE JOACHIM: 60 Pinetree Dr., Parlin. D.E.C.A. Pres. 4.

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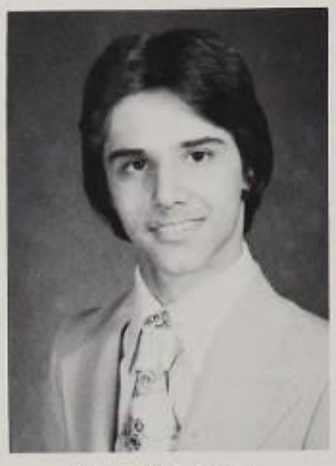
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Richard Kennedy

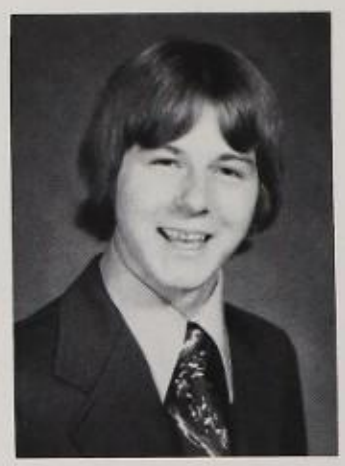
Right On!

Mr. Doll is doing something right. While almost every other fall sports team complained of losing its veteran senior members, varsity soccer attracted seniors who had never gone out for the team before.

Senior members made up approximately 50 percent of the 1978 varsity squad, with seven senior members filling out the eleven starter positions. Eight of the eleven positions were vacated by the graduation of the class of 1977, leaving only veteran forward Glenn Kreiger, midfielder Keith Gilde, and left wing Lou Acero in starter positions.

The returning senior members included: Chip Wiggins, Phil Sowinski, John Genus, and Chris Bobbins. Tom Alessi, Jay DeWorth, and Vince Pomparelli were the senior members who went out for the team for the first time this year.

Lynda Kerr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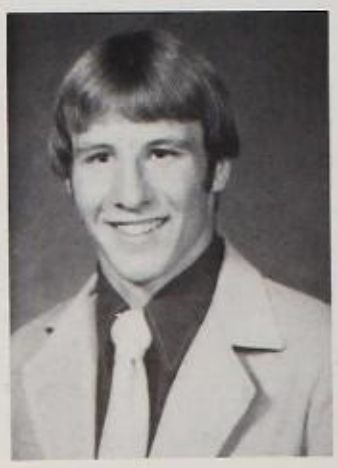
Roberta Robin Kilia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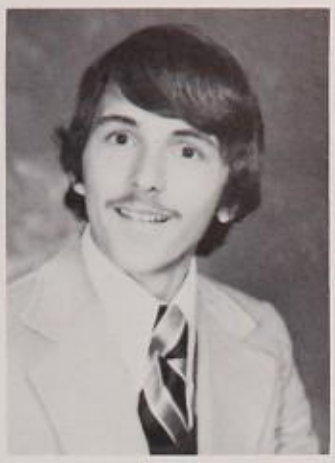
Donald Klaproth

Mary Klauder

Teresa Klein

Joe Kniffin



James H. Knox Jr.

Carol Koch

Patti Kohrmann

Linda Kokich

Above: Teammates and co-captains, Glenn Kreiger and Keith Gilde, leave the field after the first victory of the season.

JOHN JONES: 8-11 Skytop Gardens, Parlin.

KATHRYN JONES: 13 Cypress Dr., Parlin. Twirling 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Class Sec'y. 4.

BRIAN KAMPO: 74 Scott Ave., S.A.

KEVIN KANIA: 99 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Wrestling 3, Mgr. 4.

LAURIE ANN KANIA: 138 Pulaski Ave., Sayre.

MARIANNE KAPUSHINSKI: 7 Kathleen Pl., S.A.

ALAN KARMIN: 34 Creamer Dr., Sayre. Soccer 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Chemistry League 3; Quo Vadis 4; Echo Lites 4.

GARRY KAROUNOS: 41 Driftwood Dr., Parlin.

SCOTT KAYMEN: 22 Haven Terr.

ALLAN KELLER: 45 Scheid Dr., Parlin.

WALT KELLERT: 14 Marcia St., Parlin.

ANNE KELLY: 17 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Gymnastics 2; F.S.A. 3, 4.

COLLEEN KELLY: 414 Main St., Sayre.

RICHARD KENNEDY: 97 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

LYNDA KERR: 132 Coolidge Ave., Parlin.

DONALD KIBBLER: 15 Dunlap Dr., Parlin.

ROBERTA ROBIN KILIAN: 48 Merritt Ave., S.A. Drill Team 2, 3, Capt. 4.

DAVE KIRK: 48 Coolidge Ave., Parlin. Football 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Boys' State 3; Scholar Athlete.

DONALD KLAPROTH: 8 Albert Dr., Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2; Tennis 3, 4; Basketball Club 3, 4; Boys' Citizenship Alternate 3.

MARY KLAUDER: 67 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

TERESA KLEIN: 23 Forrest Ave., Sayre. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4.

JOE KNIFFIN: 3 Elm Terr., Parlin.

JAMES H. KNOX, JR.: 155 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

CAROL KOCH: 17 Eric Ct., Parlin. Boys' Gymnastic Mgr. 2.

PATTI KOHRMANN: 12 Cypress Dr., Parlin.

LINDA KOKICH: 21 Zaleski Dr., Parlin.

Cindi Kosmoski

Jeffery Kosobucki

Ed Kotarski

Duane Kotula

Martin Kotula

Lori Koval

Mike Krainski

Glenn Kreiger

Judith Kreseski

Debra Ann Kriss

Sharon Krosnowski

Heidi Krumm

Denise Kuback

Tim Kutz

Jane T. Kuczynski

Laura Fodor finds a passing comment to be amusing.

Sue Kuhn

Mark Kuligowski

Joseph Kulick

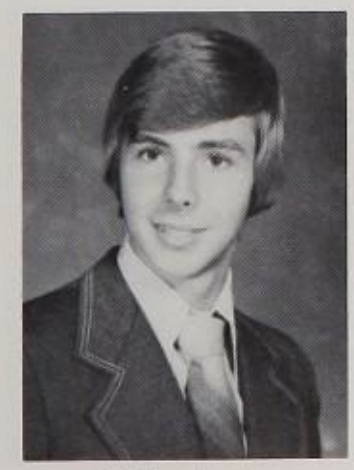
Ken Kultys

Joseph Kupsch

Particia M. Lalor

Chris L. La Port

Nancy Larsen



Robert Lasko

Laurie Lyn Lasky

Above: The girls in beauty culture practice their skills of manicuring nails, and cutting and styling hair.

CINDI KOSMOSKI: 229 Oak St., S.A. Spanish Club 2; F.S.A. 2; F.B.L.A. 2.

JEFFERY KOSOBUCKI: 2 Charles St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4; Track 4.

ED KOTARSKI: 139 Pulaski Ave., Sayre. Football 2.

DUANE KOTULA: 41 Pinetree Dr., Parlin.

MARTIN KOTULA: 41 Pinetree Dr., Parlin.

LORI KOVAL: 2 Marshall Pl., Sayre.

MIKE KRAINSKI: 11 Thomas St., Sayre.

GLENN KREIGER: 5 Terrace Pl., S.A. Soccer 2, 3, Capt. 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, Vice Pres. 4.

JUDITH KRESESKI: 7 Burlew Pl., Parlin. Gymnastics 2, Mgr. 3; Dramatis Personae 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 2, 3; Spanish Club 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Band Aide 3; Drill Team 4; Math Club 4.

DEBRA ANN KRISS: 53 Smullen St., Sayre.

SHARON KROSNOWSKI: 3 Stephens Ave., S.A. Stage Crew 3, 4.

HEIDI KRUMM: 43 Cedar Terr., Parlin. Library Council 2, 3, Sec'y. 4; Drill Team 2, 3, Capt. 4; F.N.A. 4.

DENISE KUBACK: 32 Campbell Dr., Parlin.

TIM KUTZ: 249 Kath St., S.A.

JANE T. KUCZYNSKI: 14 Hilltop Ave., S.A. Images 2, 3, 4; Echo Lites 2, 3; Spanish Club 2, 3; Ecology Club 3; N.H.S. 4.

SUE KUHN: 11 Greenhill Ave., Parlin. Spring Track 2.

MARK KULIGOWSKI: 18 Stephen St., Sayre.

JOSEPH KULICK: 1 Garfield Pl., Parlin.

KEN KULTYS: 36 Dolan St., Sayre.

JOSEPH KUPSCH: 58 MacArthur Ave., Sayre.

PARTICIA M. LALOR: 60 Buttonwood Dr., Parlin. Spring Track 2; Student Council 3, 4; Class Vice Pres. 3.

CHRIS L. LA PORT: 212 Cliff Ave., Morgan. German Club 4.

NANCY LARSEN: 309 Stevens Ave., Morgan. Field Hockey 3, 4; Winter Track 3, 4; Spring Track 3, 4.

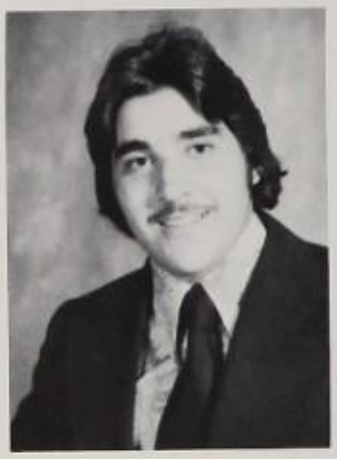
ROBERT LASKO: 11 Wick Dr., Sayre.

LAURIE LYN LASKY: 29 Kearney Rd., S.A. Library Council 3, 4.

Members of the Class of '78 enjoy themselves at their last pep rally.

Kim Lauro

Theresa Le Blanc



Gerald Le Donne

Donald Leech

Craig Lehocky

Donna Marie Leonido

Fred Leppig

John Lieberman

Alan Lipay

Thomas Locha

Eileen Lockwood

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Cathy Lowe

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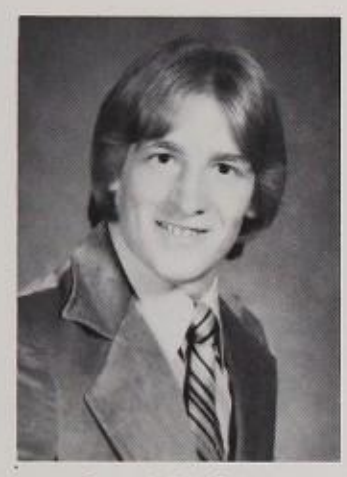
John Lucas

Lynn Ann Lucas

Dennis Luciano

Kevin Lynch

Margaret McDonald



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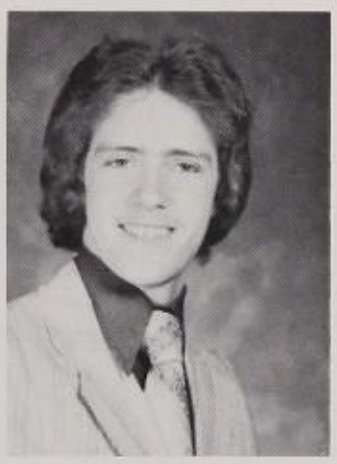
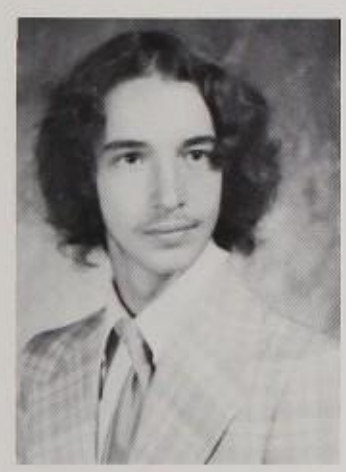


Rich McNerny

Diane McVay



Darren Magee

Antoinette Makara

Mike Makransky

Ginger Molaspina

Maureen Malik

KIM LAURO: 1 Parder St., S.A.

THERESA LE BLANC: 18 Rota Dr., Parlin. Drill Team 2, 3; Library Council 3.

GERALD LE DONNE: 8 Baumer Rd., Sayre.

DONALD LEECH: 10 Evelyn Terrace, S.A.

CRAIG LEHOCKY: 56 Price St., Sayre. D.E.C.A. 4.

DONNA MARIE LEONIDO: 82 Miller Ave., Sayre.

FRED LEPPIG: 18 Harrison St., Sayre.

JOHN LIEBERMAN: 93 Washington Rd., Sayre.

ALAN LIPAY: 23 Buttonwood Dr., Parlin. Wrestling 2, 3; Multi-Media Club 2, 3.

THOMAS LOCHA: 192 Washington Rd., Sayre. Band 2.

EILEEN LOCKWOOD: 31 Hemlock Dr., Parlin.

DONNA MARIE LOTRARIO: 3241 Washington Rd., Parlin. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4.

CATHY LOWE: 19 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre.

MARY LUCADANO: 14 Gillen Dr., Parlin.

JOHN LUCAS: 21 Ida St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4; Echo Lites 3.

LYNN ANN LUCAS: 21 Ida St., Sayre. Student Council 2, 3; Spring Track 3, 4; Field Hockey 2, 3; Basketball 2; Softball 2.

DENNIS LUCIANO: 12 Wilson Ave., Parlin.

KEVIN LYNCH: 15 Hope Dr., Sayre. Baseball 2, 3, 4.

MARGARET McDONALD: 6 Cypress Dr., Parlin. Student Council 2, 3, Sec'y. 4; Spanish Club 2; Soccer Mgr. 3; Class Sec'y. 4.

DENNIS McGUIRE: 109 Wilson Ave., Parlin. Football 2, 3, 4.

RICK McNERNY: 37 Hoffman Ave., Morgan. Football 2, 3, 4.

DIANE McVAY: 250 Morgan Ave., S.A. Tennis 3; Chorus 3; Student Council 4; Quo Vadis 4.

DARREN MAGEE: 27 Oakwood Dr., Parlin.

ANTOINETTE MAKARA: 13 Robin Hood Dr., Parlin.

MIKE MAKRANSKY: 12 Burlington Rd., Parlin. Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Rock Ensemble 4.

GINGER MALASPINA: 30 Carter Pl., Sayre.

MAUREEN MALIK: 19 Frazee Ave., S.A.

End of an Era

Entertainment suffered a great loss during 1977. The deaths of Bing Crosby, Groucho Marx, Elvis Presley, Guy Lombardo, and Charlie Chaplin left vacant the places Americans reserve for their best loved personalities. These stars occupied not only the national spotlight, but shared a very special place in the affections of the American public.

While these men lived out their greatest periods before most of us could appreciate them, the impact of their deaths is explained by Mr. Cheskin, history teacher and movie buff. "Each one of these men represented a very specific time. Their humor reflected the times they lived in. Groucho Marx, the satirist; Charlie Chaplin, the greatest silent comic; Bing Crosby, the greatest crooner of all times and Guy Lombardo, were so important to us because they embodied a feeling. Elvis Presley, the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" influenced the lives of teenagers and parents all over the world. He was someone who changed us, as were all of these men. They did it through their art."

With that, we look to the beginning of a new era in entertainment, for as Mr. Cheskin said with a note of sorrow, "There's no one to replace them."

Michelle Marcinczyk

Glen Markowski

Joseph Marsch

Lisa Martens

Carol Martin

Marta Martin

Michele Masarik

Jonathan Mast

Carol Matthews

Cindy Mayhew

Mark Mazuroski

Jody L. Mehl

Edwin Meier

Tom Meirose

Robert Meise

Sandra Merlo

Lori Meyer

Pam Meyer

Debbie Miara

George Mifsud

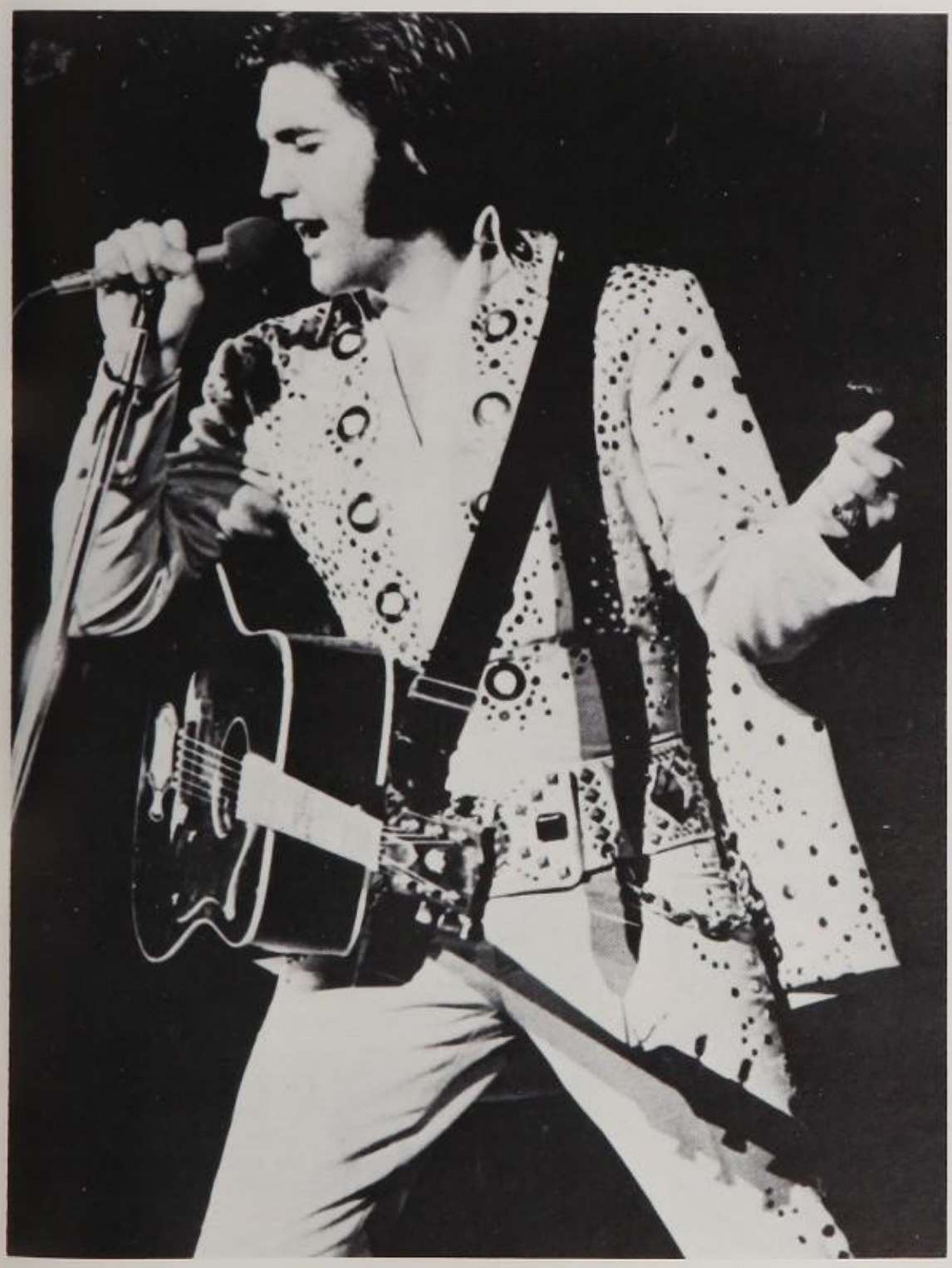
Victoria Milana

Alene Minchew

Sue Mizak

Kathy Jo Modzelewski

Donald Montemurro



MICHELLE MARCINCZYK: 5 Bernadine St., Sayre. Drill Team 2; F.B.L.A. 4.

GLEN MARKOWSKI: 32 Church St., Sayre.

JOSEPH MARSCH: 52 Cori St., Parlin.

LISA MARTENS: 20 Haag St., Sayre. Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2; Dramatis Personae 2, 3; Ecology Club 3, Pres. 4; Multi-Media Club 3; S.H.S. 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Quo Vadis Senior Editor 4.

CAROL MARTIN: 4 Amherst Pl., Parlin. Spring Musical 2; Chorus 2, 3; French Club 2, 3, Vice Pres. 4.

MICHELE MASARIK: 11 Clay St., S.A. Spanish Club 2.

JOHNATHAN MAST: 10 Zaleski Dr., Sayre. Multi-Media Club 3; Echo Lites 4.

CAROL MATTHEWS: 386 Main St., Sayre. Drill Team 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 3; Chorus 4.

CINDY MAYHEW: 32 Jensen Rd., Sayre. F.T.A. 2.

MARK MAZUROSKI: 110 Dolan St., Sayre.

JODY L. MEHL: 49 Calliope Rd., Sayre. Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; Tennis Mgr. 2, 3; Quo Vadis 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; Basketball Mgr. 3, 4; Track Mgr. 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, Pres. 4; Class Vice Pres. 4; Basketball Club 4.

EDWIN MEIER: 29 Holly Dr., Parlin.

TOM MEIROSE: 8 Pershing Ave., Sayre.

ROBERT MEISE: 364 Washington Rd., Sayre. Football 2.

SANDRA MERLO: 9 Vincent St., Parlin.

LORI MEYER: 46 Dane St., Sayre. Marching Band 2, 3; Concert Band 2, 3.

PAM MEYER: Skytop Gardens A-20, Parlin. F.B.L.A. 3.

DEBBIE MIARA: 36 William St., Sayre. Class Pres. 2; Student Council 2; Baseball Mgr. 2, 3, 4.

GEORGE MIFSUD: 18 Buttonwood Dr., Sayre.

VICTORIA MILANA: 54 Fielak Terr., Parlin. N.H.S. 3, 4.

ALENE MINCHEW: 5 Kenneth Ave., Parlin. German Club 2, 3; Images 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 3, Treas. 4; N.H.S. 4.

SUE MIZAK: 265 Stevens Ave., Morgan. Boys' Gymnastics Mgr. 2; Boys' Spring Track Mgr. 2, 3, 4.

KATHY JO MODZELEWSKI: 143 McCutcheon Ave., Sayre. Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4.

DONALD MONTEMURRO: 62 Cori St., Sayre. Winter Track 2.

Pat Moore

Timothy Morris

Lorraine Moskwa

Donna Mueller

Edward C. Muroski

Ann Marie Murphy

Janie L. Murphy

Donna Nafus

Lori Nahai

Kathy Needham

Carole Neidermeyer

Joan Nelson

Michelle Nenichka

Experience Through Involvement

Although more conservative than the graduating class a decade before them, members of the class of '78 shared their social concern for a better world.

Diane Garnett, who was an active member of the Sacred Heart C.Y.O., said that although the service projects were infrequent, the majority of the members participated. Giving a turkey to a needy family at Thanksgiving and Christmas caroling at Oak View Nursing Home were samples of the service projects the C.Y.O. sponsored. They also raked leaves and ran errands for elderly people. The C.Y.O. also sponsored a retarded child at Woodbridge State School, whom they visited every month.

Interesting projects were also held by Our Lady of Victories C.Y.O. Debbie Miara, C.Y.O. president, was one of 15 seniors from Sayreville High who belonged to O.L.V. C.Y.O. Last Christmas, the C.Y.O. bought toys for poor children in Trenton. Along with other members, Alice Coakley organized birthday parties for the children at Woodbridge State School. Besides service projects, several seniors attended the National Youth Conference held in Niagara Falls from November 10-13, 1977. This gave members the opportunity to meet people from other C.Y.O.'s and discuss their activities.

Outside of C.Y.O., seniors also did volunteer work in local hospitals. This gave students the chance to experience hospital work and deci whether they would be interested in it as a care At Perth Amboy Hospital, Debbie Davis was Adult Volunteer. Her duties included runni errands, checking supplies, and even assisting t nurse's aides in Labor and Delivery. Debbie a worked in the Premature Nursery, EKG Depa ment, and Pre-Admission Testing. She enjoys t work and plans to enter the nursing field.

Judie Kreseski, a volunteer at South Amb Hospital, worked in the Physical Therapy Depa ment. Because there was only one physical the pist at the hospital, Judie aided her with her da duties. Judie found her job challenging as well rewarding, because it gave her experience and c fidence in pursuing her career choice.

The Explorers enabled seniors interested in enforcement to experience the duties of police o cers. Donna Smith, Ray Sweeney, and Pat Nerb ski learned such aspects as emergency identifi tion, narcotics, and crime prevention. Donna worked as a court attendant. They also assiste the Easter Egg Hunt and the dog census held year. This club helped those such as Donna Sm who plans a career in police work.

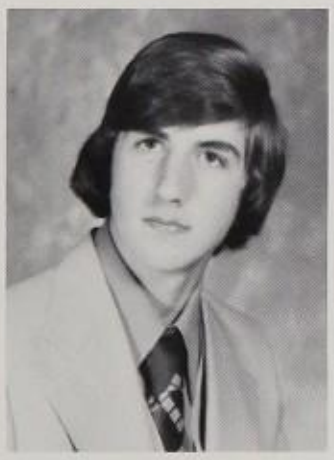
Unlike the seniors of the sixties, the class of spent its time involved in useful programs benefited the people in the community as wel themselves.

Pat Nerbetski

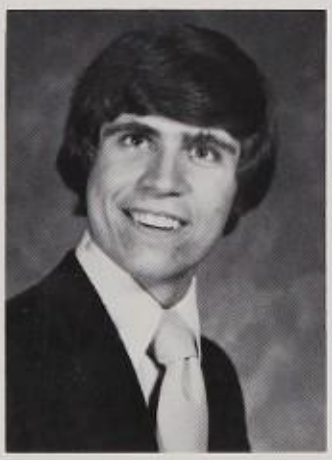
Beverlie Newcomer

Richard Nicorvo

Dorinda Nieves



Donald Noe



Drew Nowak

Ken Nowicki

Mary Ann Nowicki

Patricia O'Brian

Above: Using their general knowledge, Judie Kreseski and Debbie Davis help out in the nurse's office.

PAT MOORE: Crestview Apts. 6-2M, Parlin. S.H.S. 3, 4.

TIMOTHY MORRIS: 138 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

LORRAINE MOSKWA: 29 Loe Ave., S.A.

DONNA MUELLER: 60 Main St., Sayre.

EDWARD C. MUROSKI: 87 Ernston Rd., Parlin.

ANN MARIE MURPHY: 44 Buttonwood Dr., Parlin.

JANIE L. MURPHY: 79 Pinetree Dr., Parlin.

DONNA NAFUS: 31 Idlewild Ave., Sayre.

LORI NAHAI: 2 Rhode St., Sayre.

KATHY NEEDHAM: 36 Buttonwood Dr., Parlin.

CAROLE NEIDERMEYER: 3 Elacqua Blvd., Parlin. Gymnastics 2, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; Quo Vadis 4.

JOAN NEILSON: 2958 Washington Rd., Parlin. German Club 3, 4.

MICHELLE NENICHKA: 28 Buchanan Ave., Parlin.

PAT NERBETSKI: 32 Pinetree Dr., Parlin. Spanish Club 2; F.S.A. 2, 3; Echo Lites 2.

BEVERLIE NEWCOMER: 22 Adam Blvd., S.A. Drill Team 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Quo Vadis 4.

RICHARD NICORVO: 41 Harkins St., S.A. Football 3, 4.

DORINDA NIEVES: 43 Haven Terr., Parlin. Drill Team 2, 3; Stage Crew 4.

DONALD NOE: 150 Standiford Ave., Sayre. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Rock Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 4; Stage Crew 3, 4; Math Club 4.

DREW NOWAK: 55 Richards Dr., Parlin.

KEN NOWICKI: 244 Tenth St., Morgan.

MARY ANN NOWICKI: 17 Smith St., Sayre.

PATRICIA O'BRIEN: 1094 Bordentown Ave., Parlin. F.B.L.A. 2, 4; F.S.A. 2, 3.

John O'Hare

Jacqueline O'Leary

Richard S. Olender

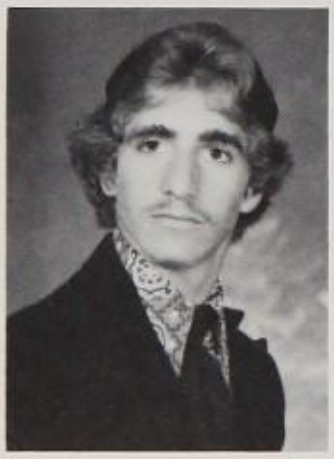
Ruth Olsvary

Stephanie Orlowicz

Celeste Orsag

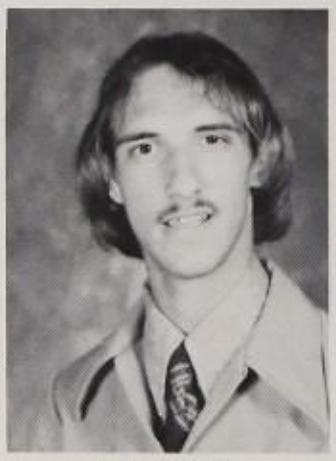
Susan Osnato

Mary Ann Ostrowski



Edward Otero

Jacquelyn Padovano



Andy Paladino

Dawn Papa

Cynde Paprota

Denise Parisio

Dena Pariso

Debbie Parker

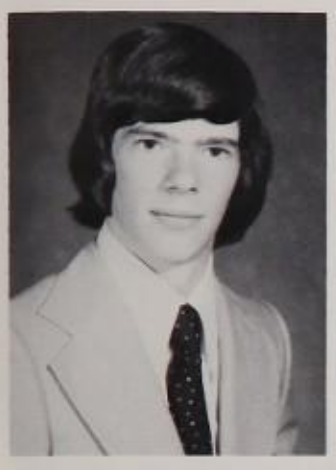
James Parse

Above: Taking time to look over her work, Mary Ann Nowicki finds her mistakes.

Mary Ellen Parsler

Robin Patella

John Paylik



Steve Pelszynski

Richard Peters

Cindy Peterson

Marina Pfeiffer

Terry Pilch

Cathy Pilot

John Pitti

Brian Plunkett

Dan Plunkett

Brenda Podbelski

Lynnette Poliny

John Poltrictzky

JOHN O'HARE: 17 Glenwood Ave., Sayre.

JACQUELINE O'LEARY: 157 Kendall Dr., Parlin.

RICHARD S. OLENDER: 26 Hillside Ave., Sayre.

RUTH OLSVARY: 123 Madison St., Morgan. Spanish Club 2; Drill Team 3.

STEPHANIE ORLOWICZ: 26 William St., Sayre. Images 2, 3, 4; French Club 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.

CELESTE ORSAG: 13 Reid St., Sayre.

SUSAN OSNATO: 22 Fourth St., Sayre. Gymnastics 2, 3, 4.

MARY ANN OSTROWSKI: 10 Krumb St., Sayre.

EDWARD OTERO: 38 Scheid Dr., Parlin. Wrestling 2, 4; Gymnastics 2.

JACQUELYN PADOVANO: 48 Embroidery St., Sayre. Band 2, 3.

ANDY PALADINO: 15 Maple St., Parlin. Football 2.

DAWN PAPA: Swan Hill, S.A. Field Hockey 2; German Club 2; Chorus 2, 3; Library Council 3.

CYNDE PAPROTA: 60 N. Edward St., Sayre. Drill Team 2; Quo Vadis 3; N.H.S. 4.

DENISE PARISIO: 1 Cheyenne Dr., Parlin. Boys' Gymnastics Mgr. 4.

DENA PARISO: 42 Kierst St., Parlin.

DEBBIE PARKER: 12 Harrison St., Sayre.

JAMES PARSE: 26 Church St., Sayre. D.E.C.A. 4.

MARY ELLEN PARSLER: 10 Abbott Ct., Parlin. Girls' Spring Track 2, 3; Color Guard 2, 3, Capt. 4; Quo Vadis Layout Editor 4.

ROBIN PATELLA: 1 Guilfoyle Terr., Sayre. Concert Band 2, 3; Marching Band 2, 3; Library Council 2; Biology Club 4.

JOHN PAVLIK: 37 Hoffman Ave., Sayre.

STEVE PELSZYNSKI: 45 Harrison Pl., Parlin. Football 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD PETERS: 12 Fielek Terr., Parlin. Marching Band 2, 3, 4.

CINDY PETERSON: 41 Latham Circle, Parlin. Library Council 3, 4.

MARINA PFEIFFER: 5 Fanwood Dr., Sayre.

TERRY PILCH: 15 Albert St., Sayre.

CATHY PILOT: 151 Grand St., S.A.

JOHN PITTI: 54 Cedar Terr., Parlin. Winter Track 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2; Spring Musical 2, 3, 4; Fall Drama 3; Football 3.

BRIAN PLUNKETT: 10 Oakwood Dr., Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Basketball Club Pres. 4.

DAN PLUNKETT: 11 Union Ave., Sayre. Marching Band 2.

BRENDA PODBELSKI: 125 Deerfield Rd., Sayre.

LYNNETTE POLINY: R.F.D. 1 Rt. 35, S.A.

JOHN POLTRICTZKY: 1 Stephen St., S.A.

Vin Pomparelli

Joanne Pondo

Joann Poweski

Gary Prato

Bernadette Pritchard

Chris Pryor

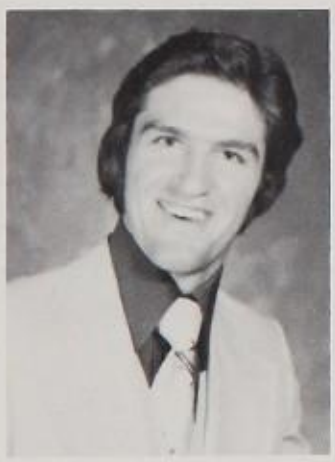
Sue Przybylko

Bob Ranalli

Lori Rankin

Jeffrey Ravaioli

Patricia L. Reece



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Mary S. Rhatican

Daryl Roberts

Paul A. Roman

Rhonda Rompola

Donna Rondesko

John Rooney

Marilyn Rosario

Judy Rosebrock

Above: Before she starts her busy day, Margaret McDonald poses for the Quo Vadis photographer.

The March of Dimes never had a Youth Representative on their New Jersey Board of Directors until last year, when senior Margaret McDonald was appointed to the newly created position. Margaret was the youngest member ever to hold a position on the Board.

Active in the March of Dimes since ninth grade, Margaret began by participating in the walk-a-thons. "After the walk-a-thons there were usually announcements in school asking for volunteers on a more regular basis," she recalls, "and I decided to get involved."

After spending some time as a volunteer, she was invited to attend programs in Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Last summer, while attending a program in Princeton, Margaret was taught various fund-raising methods as well as ways to encourage others to volunteer their time to Muscular Dystrophy. During a tour of the Rutgers Genetics Center last September, she was able to learn more about the causes of birth defects.

As Youth Representative, Margaret's duties included taking charge of the area elementary schools. Responsible for supplying the schools with collection canisters, she kept in constant touch with Mr. Counsman and individual school officials, seeing that the collections ran smoothly. During walk-a-thons, she took charge of the check points. She also served as a member of the Haunted House for M.D. set up in Menlo Park.

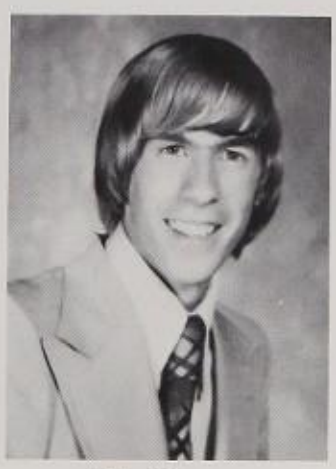
The busiest time Margaret found was during January, March of Dimes Month. Working at the March of Dimes Headquarters on Washington Road, she spent time making calls to get volunteers to collect from their neighborhoods. Margaret also holds a regular job, but says she didn't feel too cramped for time. She put time in for M.D. during her days off and in the evenings.

Margaret truly enjoyed all of the time she spent working for those who needed her help. In the future, she wants to continue working with the March of Dimes as long as possible and looks forward to attending another program to be held in Colorado in two years.

Jay Rosenberg

Sandra Rowley

Dot Ruby



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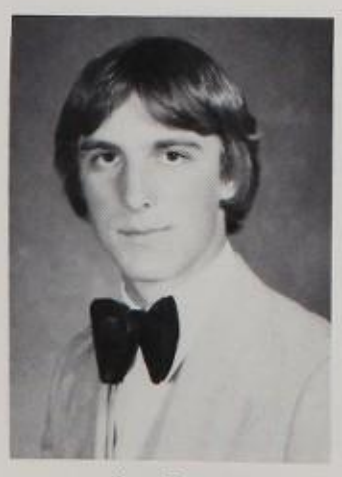


Ray Russo

John C. Ryan

VIN POMPARELLI: 72 Kierst St., Parlin. Wrestling 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Soccer 4; Boys' State Delegate 3; N.H.S. 3, 4.

JOANNE PONDO: 43 Campbell Dr., Parlin. Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Biology Club 2; Spring Track 2; Boys' Basketball Mgr. 3; Boys' Spring Track Mgr. 3, 4; Quo Vadis 3, 4; Cheerleader 4.

JOANN POWESKI: 46 Scott Ave., S.A. F.S.A. 3.

GARY PRATO: 98 Weber Ave., Sayre.

BERNADETTE PRITCHARD: 37 Albert Dr., Parlin.

CHRIS PRYOR: 26 Hemlock Dr., Parlin.

SUE PRZYBYLKO: 583 Main St., Sayre.

BOB RANALLI: 16 Creamer Dr., Sayre.

LORI RANKIN: 42 Driftwood Dr., Parlin. Spring Track 2; Wrestling Mgr. 3, 4; Quo Vadis 4; Echo Lites 4.

JEFFREY RAVAIOLI: 51 Kendall Dr., Sayre. Spring Track 2.

PATRICIA L. REECE: 594 Ridgeway Ave., S.A.

TODD S. REGELSKI: 20 Columbia Pl., Parlin. Baseball 2; Football 2.

CAMILLE REHBERGER: 267 Midland Ave., S.A.

MARY S. RHATICAN: 16 Deerfield Rd., Parlin.

DARYL ROBERTS: 1 Haven Terr., Parlin. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Jazz Rock Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 3, 4.

PAUL A. ROMAN: 20 Cypress Dr., Parlin.

RHONDA ROMPOLA: 42 Hillside Ave., Sayre. Field Hockey 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Basketball Club Vice Pres. 4; Scholar Athlete.

DONNA RONDESKO: 267 Washington Rd., Sayre. JV Basketball Co-Capt. 2.

JOHN ROONEY: 8 Center Ave., Parlin.

MARILYN ROSARIO: 14 James St., Sayre.

JUDY ROSEBROCK: 16 Cypress Dr., Parlin. F.S.A. 2.

JAY ROSENBERG: 4 Wisz Pl., Sayre. Wrestling 3, 4; Football Mgr. 3, 4; Echo Lites 4.

SANDRA ROWLEY: 30 Morgan Ave., S.A. Business Club 3.

DOT RUBY: 63 Cleveland Ave., Parlin.

MITCH RUSAY: 176 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Tennis 3, 4; S.H.S. 3, 4; N.H.S. 4.

RON RUSKAI: 123 Deerfield Rd., Sayre.

RAY RUSSO: 41 Campbell Dr., Parlin.

JOHN C. RYAN: 41 Scheid Dr., Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4.

Lillian Sadowski

Pamela Sadowski

John Samuel

Tim Samuel

Debbie Sano

Robert Scassera

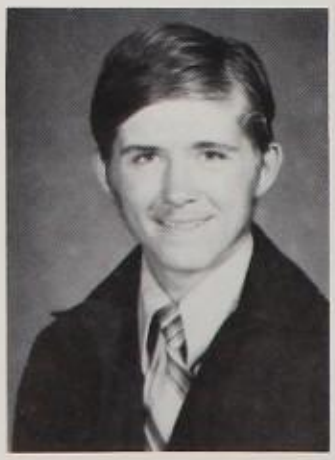
Cindy Schack

Mark Schaefer

Dave Husak begins work on his project in metal shop.

Lori Schenker

Laurie Scott



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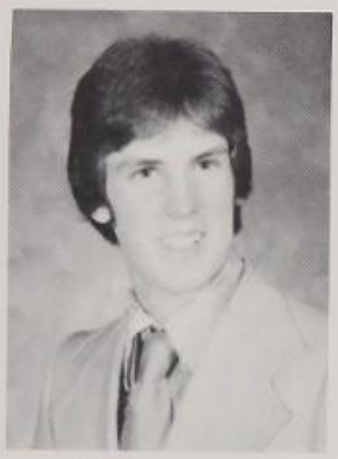


Richard Simnor

Carole Sisolak

Diane Skurka

Lillian Sloan

Donna Smith

Christine Smithers

Michelle Snekszer

LILLIAN SADOWSKI: 80 Roosevelt Blvd., Parlin. Images 2; F.S.A. 3; N.H.S. 3, Sec'y. 4.

PAMELA SADOWSKI: 75 Merritt Ave., S.A.

JOHN SAMUEL: 21 Eugene Blvd., S.A. Winter Track 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; Spring Musical 2, 3, 4.

TIM SAMUEL: 97 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Wrestling 2, 3, 4.

DEBBIE SANO: 47 Haven Terr., Parlin.

ROBERT SCASSERA: 25 Lee Ave., S.A. Football 3.

CINDY SCHACK: 5 Robert Circle, S.A.

MARK SCHAEFER: 34 Jensen Rd., Sayre.

LORI SCHENKER: 29-8 Ernston Rd., Parlin. Quo Vadis 4.

LAURIE SCOTT: 8 Parkway Pl., Parlin.

BILL SCULLY: 35 Coolidge Ave., Parlin.

JANET SEAMAN: 50 Robin Pl., Parlin. Spanish Club 2; Business Club 2; F.S.A. 2; Band Aide 2; Drill Team 3, 4.

PAT SEARS: 49 Fielek Terr., Parlin. F.T.A. 2, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Echo Lites 2, 3; French Club 2, 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Ecology Club 4.

SHERYL SEKSO: 163 Washington Rd., Sayre.

ROBIN SENA: 1 School Dr., Sayre. Chorus 3.

ANITA SHOROSKY: 65 Pulaski Ave., Sayre. Spanish Club 3, 4, Treas. 2; Field Hockey Mgr. 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Softball Mgr. 2, 3; F.T.A. 4.

NANCY SIARNIAK: 12 MacArthur Ave., Sayre.

KATHLEEN SLELEWICKI: 126 Standiford Ave. Sayre.

BONNIE SIERON: 64 Harding Ave., Parlin.

THOMAS SIMANEK: 5 Vernon St., Parlin. Ecology Club 4; Biology Club 4.

RICHARD SIMNOR: 91 Albert Dr., Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Football 4.

CAROLE SISOLAK: 37 Merritt Ave., Sayre. Boys' Spring Track Mgr. 2, 3; Images 2; Ecology Club 3.

DIANE SKURKA: 187 MacArthur Ave., Sayre. Twirling Co-Capt. 3; Student Council 3, 4; Wrestling Mgr. 3, 4.

LILLIAN SLOAN: 216 Ernston Rd., Parlin.

DONNA SMITH: 39 Cottonwood Dr., Sayre. Biology Club 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.

CHRISTINE SMITHERS: 121 Kendall Dr., Parlin. Field Hockey 2, 3 Co-Capt. 4; Basketball Mgr. 2, 3; Baseball Mgr. 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4; Quo Vadis Senior Editor 4.

MICHELLE SNEKSZER: Robin Hood Dr., Parlin.

Jacqeline Soika

Jim Sorensen

Philip Sowinski

Linda Sparno

Trish Speiser

Kenny Spiecker

Debbie Spitzer

Betty Sprague

Marianne Staniszewski

Donna Marie Stawinski

Susan Stockel

George Stoddard

Self-Government

Six seniors returned to their history classes this September with a better than average knowledge of state and local governments. Acquiring that knowledge at a week-long seminar held at Rider College, the participants governed a mythical state, experiencing first hand the campaigning, election, and inauguration of a state governor.

Although the seminars were held in June, the delegates to Jersey Boys' and Girls' State were chosen as early as March. On the basis of their scholarship and leadership, faculty members selected Dave Kirk, Glenn Krieger, Vin Pomparelli and alternate John Syslo who attended in place of Keith Gilde. The eight female semi-finalists were also selected by faculty members.

Unlike the Boys' State Delegates, the eight were interviewed by a panel of judges from the Sayreville American Legion Auxiliary Post, who absorbed all expenses for the week. Allyn Zeisler and Deborah Grandinetti were chosen as delegates, with Mary Beth Tyler and Roseanne Dandola as the alternates.

Held during two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of June 19, 1977, the boys' and girls' programs were identical. The only difference the six delegates found after discussing their experiences was that Boys' State was perhaps "more structured."

All participants were enthusiastic about the program. Along with the educational aspects, the week was enriched by the special friendships that evolved over the course of that week. "It was quite an experience meeting people from different parts of the state," Glenn Kreiger commented. Dave Kirk agreed. "It helped teach me how to get along with people I'd never even seen before," he added. At least one senior admitted he was sorry to see the week end. "A lot of people there, including me wished it would have lasted longer," said John Syslo.

Sue Sudnikovich

Barb Sulikowski

David Sumski

Nancy Sumski

Ray Sweeney

Beth Swider

Lance Swider

Rich Switzer

John Syslo

Above: John Syslo relies on his fellow delegates, Glenn, Vin, and Dave, to fill in the details of an experience they shared.

JACQUELINE SOIKA: 3 Wilmot Rd., Sayre.

JIM SORENSEN: 14 Eisenhower Dr., Sayre.

PHILIP SOWINSKI: 3 Barbara Pl., Sayre. Soccer 3, 4; Baseball 3.

LINDA SPARNO: 31 Stevenson St., Parlin.

TRISH SPEISER: 3 Ida St., Sayre.

KENNY SPIECKER: 200 Wesco St., S.A. Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

DEBBIE SPITZER: 88 Coolidge Ave., Parlin. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Field Hockey 2; Softball 2, 3, 4.

BETTY SPRAGUE: 8 Burlington Rd., Parlin.

MARIANNE STANISZEWSKI: 22 Creamer Dr., Sayre. F.S.A. 2, 3.

DONNAMARIE STAWINSKI: 581 Main St., Sayre.

SUSAN STOCKEL: 65 Scott Ave., S.A. German Club 2; Images 2, 3, Art Editor 4; Quo Vadis 4; Echo Lites 4.

GEORGE STODDARD: 4 Joyce Pl., Parlin. Stage Crew 2, 3, 4; Dramatis Personae 3.

SUE SUDNIKOVICH: 13 Deerfield Rd., Parlin.

BARB SULIKOWSKI: 90 No. Edward St., Sayre.

DAVID SUMSKI: 20 Creamer Dr., Sayre.

NANCY SUMSKI: 251 Gereghty St., S.A. Library Council 3, 4.

RAY SWEENEY: 16 Snyder Ave., Sayre.

BETH SWIDER: 21 Reid St., Sayre. Class Treas. 2, 3; Field Hockey Mgr. 2, 3; Basketball 2; Spring Track 2, 3, 4.

LANCE SWIDER: 2 Douglas St., Sayre. Spring Musical 2, 3; Dramatis Personae 3; Chemistry League 3; Stage Crew 3.

RICH SWITZER: 142 Pulaski Ave., Sayre.

JOHN SYSLO: 52 Dolan St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4.

Jo Ann Szczepanik

Arkadiusz Szot

John Szot

Philip Teeter

Amy Tischler

Robert Tkatch

Jan Toscano

Maryann J. Toth

Diane Traczyk

Terry Travisano

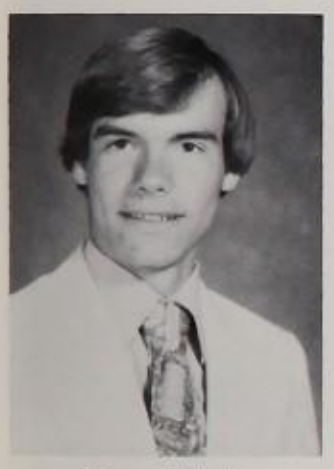
Patrick Trpisovsky

Marilyn Turner

Seniors enjoy what was once the only co-ed gym activity.

Mary Beth Tyler

Kenneth Tynan



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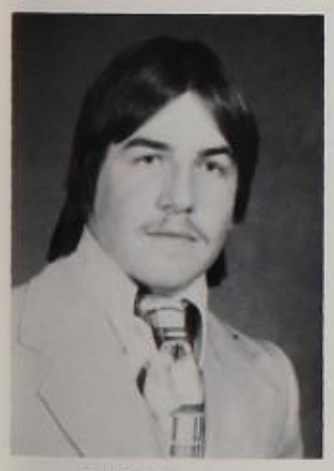


Keith Valentino

Diane Van Woeart

New: Co-Ed Gym

Although the idea of co-ed gym was met with a lot of resistance last year, it has proven to be a unanimous success with the senior class. Despite the few drawbacks the seniors admitted it has, the majority found co-ed gym classes preferable to separate classes for male and female students.

Coed gym disrupted the traditional phys-ed program. Many male students found themselves with a female gym teacher for the first time this September. Conversely, a lot of female students were assigned to the male gym teachers.

In the beginning, the female students readily accepted their male teachers, while the female teachers found they had to prove themselves in order to earn the confidence not only of skeptical male students, but their parents as well. By January, they had succeeded. The majority of male students interviewed had as much confidence in their female teachers as their previous male gym teachers. One student even admitted that he had more confidence in Ms. Willis, his teacher. There are still a few male students who feel cheated because they believe co-ed teams lower the quality of competition. All admitted to consciously "being less rough" while playing on co-ed teams. Seniors of both sexes also noticed more self-consciousness concerning their athletic ability.

Interestingly enough, while female students were in accord for their preference of co-ed teams, they agreed that the boys tended to be unfair in their assessment of the girls' athletic abilities, often "hogging the ball and only passing to boy teammates," as one student put it. Accordingly, they empathized with the problems of the female gym teachers in winning male confidence.

Michael A. Vicidomini

Susan Wahl

JO ANN SZCZEPANIK: 20 Adam Blvd., S.A. F.T.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 2; German Club 2, 3; Color Guard 3, 4; Spring Track 3, 4; Library Council 3, 4.

ARKADIUSZ SZOT: 466 Brook Ave., Morgan. Quo Vadis 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 2, 3; Echo Lites 4.

JOHN SZOT: 396 Washington Rd., Sayre. Soccer 3.

PHILIP TEETER: 5 Louis St., Parlin. Marching Band 2, 3, Pres. 4; Concert 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Jazz Rock Ensemble 3, 4; Pit Band 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4; Math Club 4; Drum Major 4.

AMY TISCHLER: 16 Thompson Pl., Parlin. Field Hockey 3; Spring Track 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4.

ROBERT TKATCH: 52 Kenneth Ave., Parlin. Football 3, 4.

JAN TOSCANO: 88 Roosevelt Blvd., Parlin. Echo Lites 2, 3, 4; Dramatis Personae 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Images 3; Spring Musical 2, 3, 4; Fall Drama 3; Asst. to the Director 4.

MARYANN J. TOTH: 133 MacArthur Ave., Sayre.

DIANE TRACZYK: 8 Wisz Pl., Sayre.

TERRY TRAVISANO: 473 So. Pine Ave., Morgan. Basketball 2, 3; Field Hockey 2; Softball 2, 3, 4.

PATRICK TRPISOVSKY: 21 Little Broadway, Sayre.

MARILYN TURNER: 5 Juniper Lane, Parlin.

MARY BETH TYLER: 94 Pinetree Dr., Parlin. Field Hockey 2, 3; Basketball Mgr. 2; Softball Mgr. 2; Student Council 3, 4; S.H.S. 3, 4; Quo Vadis Underclassmen Editor 3; N.H.S. 4.

KENNETH TYNAN: 42 Albert Dr., Parlin. Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 3, 4.

DEAN UNKEL: 90 Dolan St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4; Winter Track 2, 3, 4; Spring Track 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4.

KEITH VALENTINO: Crestview Apt. 6-C, Parlin. Football 2; Baseball 2, 3.

DIANE VAN WOEART: 7 Rota Dr., Parlin. Field Hockey 2; Spanish Club 4, Pres. 3.

MICHAEL A. VICIDOMINI: 25 Church St., Sayre. Football Mgr. 2; Wrestling Mgr. 2.

SUSAN WAHL: 25 Campbell Dr., Parlin.

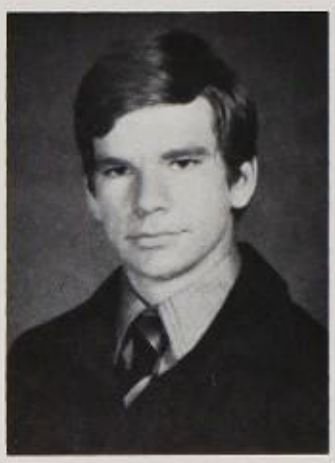
Cindy Wajda

Robert Walsh

Terry Walters

Pam Walus

Distracted by a friend in the hall, Debbie Dickerson stops her note-taking.



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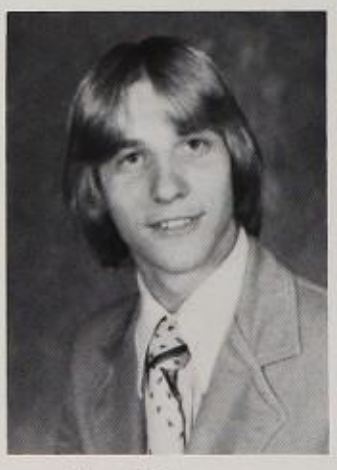

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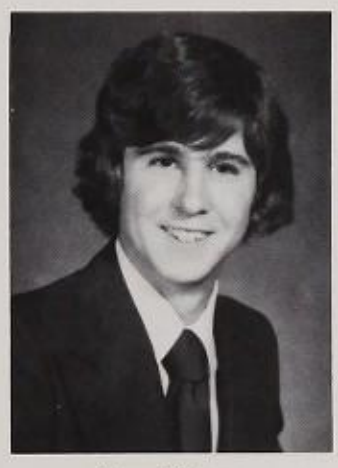
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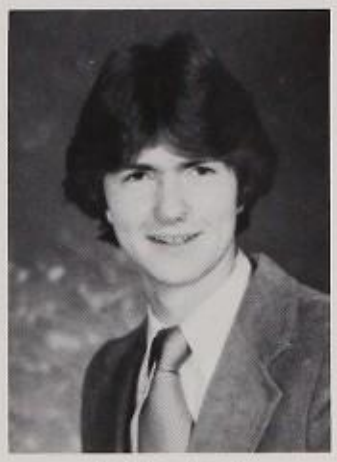

Jeffrey Yeck

Nancy Yuhas

Terry Zaczek

Joseph Zaleski

CINDY WAJDA: 70 Haven Terr., Parlin. Spring Track 2, 3.

ROBERT WALSH: 20 Ridge St., Sayre.

TERRY WALTERS: 5 Christopher St., Sayre.

PAM WALUS: 10 Lapa Ct., Parlin. Spring Musical 2.

ED WEBER: 10 Raritan Ave., S.A. Football 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Math Club 4.

MARK WEBER: 170 Wescost St., Morgan.

TOM WEINMAN: 7 Crescent Ave., S.A.

JANET WEISENMULLER: 28 Cheltenham Pl., Sayre. Drill Team 3; Spanish Club 4.

JUDITH WELLER: 31 Deerfield Rd., Parlin.

TERRI WENDOLEK: 128 Luke St., S.A. Library Council 3, 4.

SUE WHITTON: 40 Ash Terr., Parlin. Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Pit Band 3, 4; Chorus 4; F.T.A. 4.

MATTHEW WIATER: 28 Reseau Ave., S.A.

GEORGE WIGGINS: 46 Albert Dr., Parlin. Soccer 2, 3; Stage Crew 3, 4; Echo Lites 4; Quo Vadis 4.

KATHY WILLE: 4 Schmitt St., Sayre. Marching Band 2; Spring Musical 2; Chorus 3.

DAVID WILLIAMS: 8 Grover Dr., S.A.

PATTY WILLIAMS: 36 Robin Pl., Parlin.

SHAUN WINTERS: 4 Gillen Dr., Parlin.

SHIRLEY WOJCIK: 43 Karcher St., Sayre.

MARYANN WOJEWODA: 7 Eulner St., S.A.

ARTHUR WOLFARTH: 32 Oakwood Dr., Parlin.

STEVE WOVNA: 85 Holly Dr., Parlin.

BRENDA WRIGHT: 43 Patton Dr., Sayre.

AL WYSOCKI: 384 Main St., Sayre. S.H.S. 3, 4.

JEFFREY YECK: 19 Jensen Rd., Sayre. Echo Lites 2, 3; Sports Editor 4; Marching Band 2, 3; Stage Band 2, 3; Pit Band 2, 3; Multi-Media Club 3; N.H.S. 3, 4.

NANCY YUHAS: 15 Latham Cr., Parlin. F.S.A. 2, 3; Drill Team 3, 4; N.H.S. 3, 4.

TERRY ZACZEK: 8 Hemlock Dr., Parlin. F.S.A. 2; F.B.L.A. 2.

JOSEPH ZALESKI: 2 Amherst Pl., Parlin.

Everyone's "All-American"

There are few athletes who are so outstanding that they are recognizable by their first name only. Rhonda is one such athlete.

At age 10, Rhonda already showed an interest and talent in basketball. Since there was no organized team to play on, she went either to the school or a playground near her home and taught herself the game.

In her freshman year, Rhonda played on the O.L.V. C.Y.O. team. The following year brought her to SWMHS and a starting position on the Girls' Varsity team.

Rhonda was particularly inspired by her basketball coach, Judy Sunski. "She gives you the enthusiasm a player needs," commented Rhonda. "Her hard practices and strict discipline were just two of the reasons why we had a winning basketball team."

Hard practice seems to be a key part of Rompola's athletic ability. Off season as well as during the season finds her either at a neighborhood court or at a basketball camp perfecting her skills.

Rhonda attended several basketball camps during the summer and was selected last year to play on Cathy Rush's All Star Team in Canada.

Rhonda regarded teammates Barb Hennessy and Gayle Grankowski as being a big part of where she is today. "They've inspired me since my sophomore year and it's great to know you have teammates like that to back you up." Rhonda, the team's most valuable player, also attributed the squad's success to a total team effort.

"Rhonda is a hard worker, and unselfish teammate and a respected leader," said Coach Sunski. "She's modest about the various awards and honors she has achieved. To summarize — she's everyone's All American!"

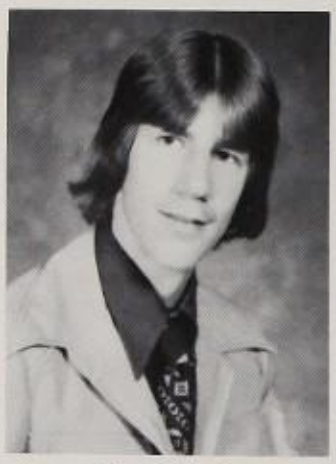
Although basketball is her favorite sport, Rhonda has also excelled in both field hockey and softball during her years at SWMHS. She earned Varsity letters in all three sports as a sophomore, and has added generously to those since.

Rhonda looks forward to playing basketball in college, but is uncertain of the part basketball will play in her future after college graduation. "Right now there is no professional women's basketball league in the U.S., but in the future I would like to play on a pro team, providing everything works out well in college." Rhonda also aspires to play on the U.S. team representing women's basketball in the Olympics. "It was one goal I always had."

What has basketball come to mean to someone who has made it such a central part of her life? Rhonda put it simply, "To me, being able to play basketball means doing something I really love and at the same time being content with what I'm doing."

Allyn Faith Zeisler

Ted Zentek



Dave Zihala

Natalie Ziola

Lee Zuzzio

David Zyskowski

In Memory of

Anthony Buono

and

John Shaver

Rhonda's athletic career at Sayreville was capped off with her selection to the High School All American Team.

	Hockey
1975-76	2nd Team All Conference
	Softball
1975-76	1st Team All Conference
	2nd Team All State
1976-77	1st Team All Conference
	1st Team Home News
	1st Team All State
	Basketball
1975-76	1st Team All Conference
1976-77	1st Team All Conference
	1st Team Sentinel
	1000 points in 2 years
	Home News Athlete of Week
	Central Jersey Athlete of the Year
1977-78	Home News Athlete of Week
	NJ All Star Team
	High School All American
	1608 points — Alltime School Scoring Record

ALLYN FAITH ZEISLER: 24 Hemlock Dr., Parlin. Gymnastics 2; Quo Vadis 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; S.H.S. 3, 4; N.H.S. 4; Girls' State Delegate 3; Class Pres. 4.

TED ZENTEK: 11 Walling St., Sayre. Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, Capt. 4.

DAVE ZIHALA: 6 Amherst Pl., Parlin.

NATALIE ZIOLA: 22 Evelyn Terr., S.A.

LEE ZUZZIO: 78 Merritt Ave., S.A. Multi-Media Club 3; Quo Vadis 4; Ecology Club 4.

DAVID ZYSKOWSKI: 35 Brookside Ave., Sayre.

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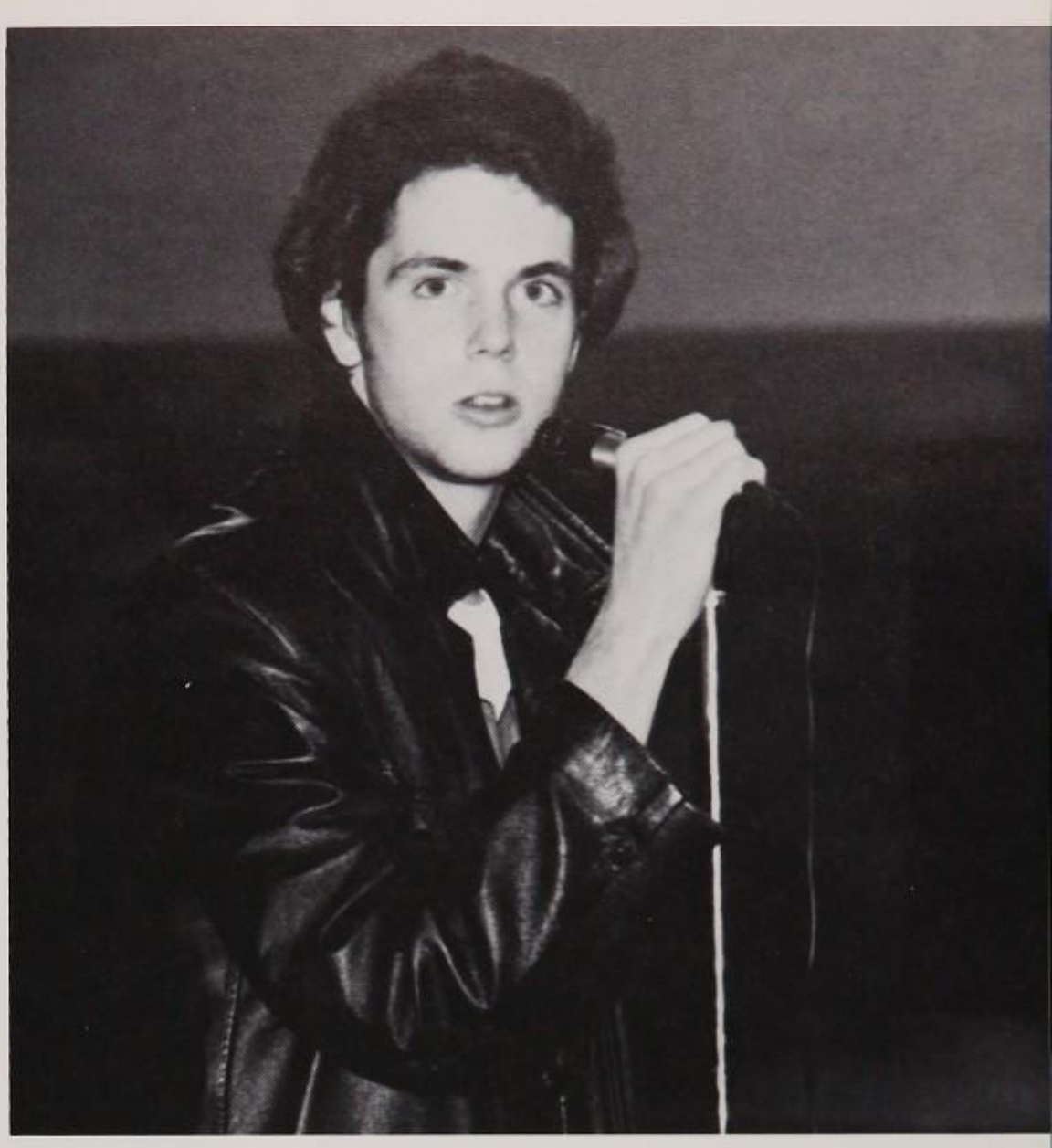
Top Left: The Tennis Team takes a break prior to a match. *Top Right:* Memories of the Junior Prom. *Above Left:* A look beyond Sayreville High. *Above:* The snow serves as a seat for tired runners.



It was a year of change; a year that drew it's personality from the expressions of those who were a part of it. Made unique by a blending of talents, ideas, and ambitions as diverse as the student body itself, 1978 left its impression upon every facet of school life.

The academics program experienced a curious blend of progression and also a return to some traditional ideas, including discipline. The most dramatic, the new late policy was instituted because of widespread misuse of the previous policy, and may have eliminated IHOP pancakes and Egg McMuffins entirely from students' weekday breakfast menus. Emphasis in the classroom shifted to basics, and compensatory courses were taught.

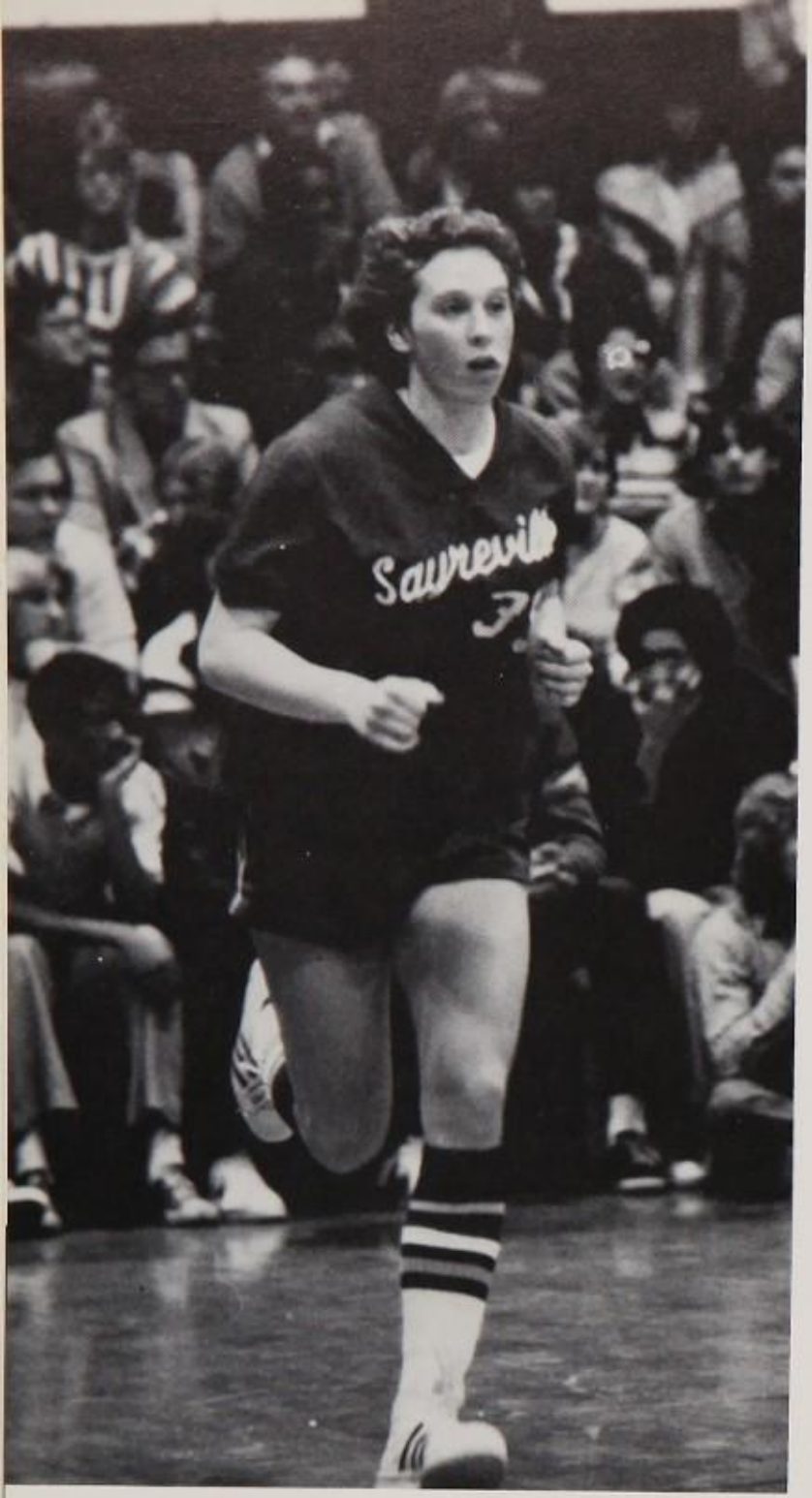
Both the guidance and art department enjoyed expansion. Students benefitted from Mrs. Rhodes' effective job placement program and Senior art students envied the underclassmen who would enjoy the new art wing. Coed gym gained widespread acceptance.

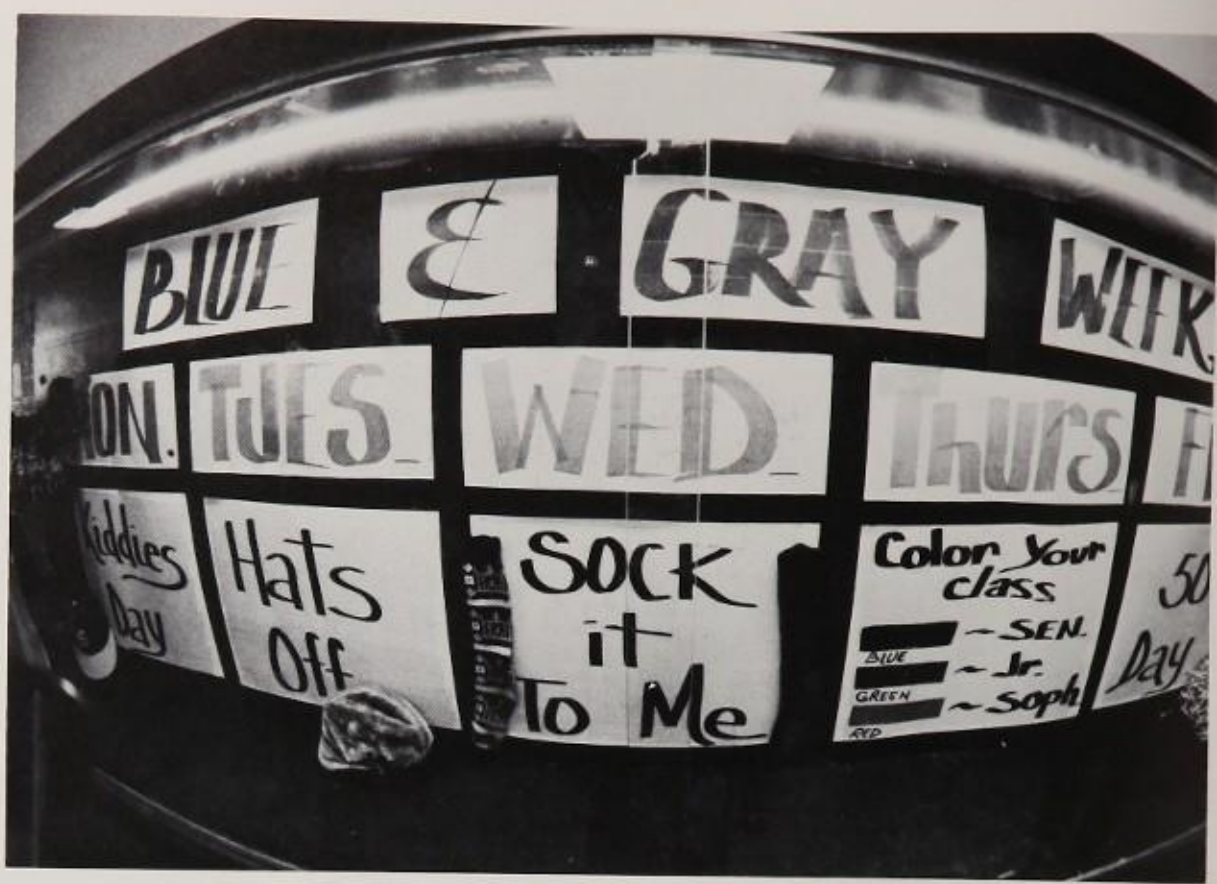
Girls teams clearly dominated the athletic scene. Coach Sue Maurer's fall tennis team advanced to the MCAC tourney, while the first year Girls' Cross Country team went undefeated in the season, earning second place in the counties. Girls Varsity Basketball finished first in the MCAC and also took second in the counties.

Snow, undoubtedly the biggest story of 1978, disrupted school schedules, activities, and eliminated all but two days of Easter Vacation. It also had the curious effect of measuring one's age. What one saw from the bedroom window while listening to WCTC with fingers crossed, took on a totally different perspective from the driver's seat of an automobile.

Still, every year has its bright points and during 1978, individual achievements never shone brighter, with student talent representing the entire spectrum of the arts, as well as athletics and academics. Both Stephanie Maze and Dennis Hahn won essay contests, with Ms. Maze also placing first in an oratorical contest. Talented underclassmen brought vitality to the stage. Mary Jane Briody and Rhonda Rompola achieved athletic accomplishments that had no precedent in high school. Jeff Yeck received the highest academic award bestowed on a high school student.

Top Right: Glenn Kreiger attracts the crowds attention during a 50's assembly. *Top Left:* Team spirit is shared among starters of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team.





Top: Rhonda Rompola — Sayreville's all-time high scorer. *Above:* With mixed expressions, a group of students listen to the music of Manzo.

Top: The showcase displays the schedule of the Class of '78's last Blue and Gray Week. *Center:* Time seemed to pass with the flip of a calendar page. *Above:* As a school bus leaves for the last time this year, students wonder what next year will bring.

Today, June 15, 1978, our eyes are misted with the tears of a hundred remembrances. The past has collided with the present and it pushes us into the future.

Perhaps reluctantly. Eagerly, we fill our yearbook with dozens of signatures, and with a gentle touch, press our corsage and tuck the prom bid in the back of some drawer for safekeeping. The promise of the future awaits us, but that can be thought about tomorrow.

Today is a time for remembering.

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